WEATHER
Fair and cold tonight, low 30. Sunny and mild Wednesday, high 50.

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SURVIVORS
Four survivors of a crash of a Navy radar plane have been picked up in the Pacific. See Page 3.

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Ike, Khrushchev Both Talk of Peace

President Invites Evidence; Nikita Hints Military Cuts

WASHINGTON (UP) — Top leaders of the East and West talked of peace on the eve of Christmas.

President Eisenhower Monday night invited Russia to offer evidence, not just words, of a desire to halt the nuclear missile arms race.

The President, in a report to the people on the Paris NATO meeting, said there could be no "finer Christmas present" than a start toward universal peace.

On the other side of the Iron Curtain, Soviet Communist Leader Nikita Khrushchev said that Russia "will continue" to "struggle for peace."

In a speech in Kev to the Ukrainian Republic's parliament, Khrushchev reported Soviet reaction to statements by NATO countries that they would not use force against other countries.

In view of these statements, Moscow Radio quoted Khrushchev as saying, the Supreme Soviet has asked the Soviet government "to study a further reduction of the armed forces of the Soviet Union."

Washington officials noted, however, that Khrushchev went on to say that such a reduction could be accomplished without lessening Soviet might.

Bang For A Buck

Development "of science and engineering in our country," the Communist boss was quoted as saying, makes it possible for Russia to maintain its strength "with smaller expenditure of means . . ."

This sounded like the "more bang for a buck" philosophy expressed by U.S. military leaders in the heyday of atomic development.

State Department officials said they would welcome any real Soviet steps toward disarmament. But they also noted that Khrushchev's remarks were vague and did not make it clear that any reduction in important types of military power is contemplated.

Khrushchev spoke of "further reduction" in Russian armed forces, a reference to past claims that the U.S.S.R. was trimming the size of its military services.

The State Department studied wire services reports of the Khrushchev speech. No formal comment was likely until an official report from the U.S. Embassy in Moscow had been received and studied.

In his talk Monday night, President Eisenhower urged Russia to stop "threats and blandishments" and make a genuine step toward checking the race for arms of mass destruction.

The Soviets may get their first chance to accept when the expanded 25-member United Nations disarmament commission meets for the first time, probably early next year.

President Eisenhower, in his first television appearance since his Nov. 25 stroke, called upon the Kremlin Monday night for "clear

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DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS — This home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Alterici, 51 Pacific Dr., was named grand prize winner in the 1957 Christmas Lighting Contest in Monessen. Alterici trimmed his house with more than 700 green lights to provide contrast for a white star on the roof. He also used red spotlights and red neon in the prize-winning display. As an added feature, Alterici rigged several speakers into the decorations to supply a steady flow of Christmas music.

Santa's Sleigh Picked Up by U. S. on Radar

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (UP)—Note to kiddies: Santa is on his way. This is on no less authority than the North American Air Defense Command.

A distant early warning DEW Line site near Point Barrow, Alaska, reported spotting Santa's sleigh heading for the United States.

The report was transmitted to the combat operations center of the North American Air Defense Command here immediately.

It said Santa was travelling about 45 knots an hour at an altitude of 35,000 feet.

"Norad radar sites at the Mid-Canada and Pine Tree Line will continue to track Santa to the United States and will steer his sleigh into the prevailing jet stream to hasten his voyage," Norad said.

Santa was assured safe passage by Norad fighter interceptors and NIKE missile weapons which will guard him against possible attack from those who do not believe in Christmas, Norad said.

At the same time, the alert Norad system will be guarding the skies over North America for unfriendly objects.

"Santa's track, being plotted on the main surveilance board here, is a very wide one, indicating his sleight is heavily laden," Norad said.

Army Engineers To Hear Protests On Lock Building

U.S. Army Engineers have agreed to meet on Thursday with officials of two boroughs and a township who are protesting the construction of new Monongahela River locks.

The meeting will be held at the fire hall in Stockdale beginning at 7 p. m. Playing host will be officials from West Brownsville and Stockdale boroughs and East Bethlehem Twp.

All three of those municipal groups have lodged strongly-worded protests to plans by the engineers which would, in effect, raise the normal level of the Monongahela River by six feet.

A.J. Murphy Jr., solicitor for West Brownsville, said the borough feels the proposed plans would result in loss of land from erosion and would complicate sewage disposal systems.

He said he was hopeful that some fuller explanation by Army Engineers Thursday will alleviate some of the dissatisfaction with the proposal.

The Engineers have announced plans to reconstruct the locks and dam at Monessen and to construct new locks at Maxwell and Grays Landing at an estimated cost of $57,000,000.

Senator Martin Out of Hospital

WASHINGTON, Pa. (UP)—Sen. Edward Martin (R - Pa.) was to be discharged today from Washington Hospital where he has been under treatment for a week for a "slight case of pneumonia."

Edward S. Martin, son of the 78-year-old senator, said doctors reported his father was "coming along fine, but he will have to take it easy for awhile."

Gets Sewage Order

HARRISBURG (UP) — The state Sanitary Water Board has ordered Borough Twp., Beaver County, to submit plans for a sewage treatment works by next June 1 and have the facilities in operation by Nov. 15, 1959.

Norman Alterici Wins Lighting Contest Here

Norman Alterici, 51 Pacific Dr., Monessen, is the grand prize winner in the 1957 Christmas Home Lighting Contest.

His display was selected as the best by a committee of judges who toured the city last night. Alterici will receive a Swedish bronze swing-arm lamp as a symbol of his first place finish.

In all, 12 prizes were awarded to the top three entries in each of the city's four neighborhood divisions.

The contest was co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and West Penn Power Co. Serving as co-chairmen of the event were Daniel Myshin and Louis L. Manderino.

Here are the winners, all of whom will receive merchandise prizes donated by Monessen merchants:

FIRST WARD — Edward Ratica, 427 Scott Ave., first; Joseph Miket, 433 Scott Ave., second; Andrew Polasky, 414 Indiana Ave., third.

THIRD WARD — Mr. and Mrs. John Dodaro, 1047 Athalia Ave., first; William Brown, 1205 Athalia Ave., second; L. Mehrmann Jr., 1117 Graham Ave., third.

FOURTH WARD — Marie Pallini, 31 Montraver Dr., first; Matt Kasper, 2000 Grand Blvd., second; George Barilla, 1112 Reservoir Ave., third.

PARK PLAN AREA — Norman

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No Paper Tomorrow; Merry Christmas

There will be no issue of The Daily Independent tomorrow in observance of Christmas.

The publishers and staff extend season greetings to all readers.

Birth of Christ Observances Are Planned in Area Churches

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

These words will be the theme of most Christmas services to be held tonight and tomorrow in Catholic and Protestant churches in observance of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Many Protestant churches in the area will celebrate the Nativity with impressive candlelight services before midnight tonight.

Catholic churches will hold solemn services beginning with midnight masses tonight. They will also hold masses throughout tomorrow morning.

Besides celebrating Christmas, parishoners of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, a Croatian congregation, will also celebrate the first mass to be held in their newly built church at 1205 Patton Ave. The Rev. Theodore Benkovic, pastor, will sing the first mass.

Following are the scheduled services for Monessen district churches:

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St. Leonard: Solemn high mass at midnight; high mass, 10:45 a. m.; low masses, 6, 6:45, 7:30. 8:15 and 9:30 a. m. and 12:15 p. m.

St. Hyacinth: Masses at midnight, 9 a. m. and noon.

Holy Name: Masses at midnight, 7:30, 8, 9:15, 10:30 and 12 a. m.

St. Mary's: Midnight mass preceded by procession at 11:30 p. m.

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State to Accept Bids Jan. 24 for Area Highway

HARRISBURG (UP)—The state Highways Department will receive bids Jan. 24 for conversion of Traffic Route 31 in Washington, Fayette and Westmoreland counties into a controlled access highway under the federal interstate system.

The project, from a point west of Bentleyville east to near Rostraver for 15.65 miles calls for relocation and construction of adjacent parallel highways and service roads, intersecting highways and connecting ramps and a number of bridges.

The federal government will bear 90 per cent of the cost and the state the remainder.

The department will also receive bids Jan. 24 for these projects:

Somerset County—Widening and resurfacing 4.53 miles of Traffic Route 53 from near New Centerville west to New Lexington.

Crawford County — Bituminous surfacing and widening of 7.15 miles of Traffic Route 77 from Blooming Valley Borough, northeast, and construction of a reinforced concrete arch and widening of three existing bridges.

Minor Damage In Two Motor Accidents Here

Minor damage resulted from two motor accidents on Monessen streets yesterday, police reported today.

The rear of a car operated by Margaret Radacy, 17 East Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen, was struck in the downtown section at 1:45 p. m. Police said the Radacy machine stopped suddenly to avoid hitting a pedestrian who darted into its path.

The truck was operated by Richard Michel, Pittsburgh.

In the other mishap, a car driven by Guido DeMatteo, DelRose Dr., Monessen, struck a parked car belonging to Charles Pritchitt, Donora. The accident occurred on Sixth St. at 6:30 p. m.

The annual Christmas treat of the Russian-American Assn. will be given to members' children on Wednesday, Dec. 25, from 1 to 5 p. m. Please show your card for 1957.
Pres. Edward Ratica

USA-CIO Bowling Alleys will be closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day; also New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Home Made Christmas candies. Palace of Sweets, 477 Donner Ave.

Animals Removed At Nativity Scene

The live animals have been removed from the Nativity Scene in downtown Monessen.

A spokesman for the sponsoring Merchants Division explained that youngsters have been "overfeeding" the animals with an assortment of "foods," including Christmas tree branches.

"To insure the safety of the animals, we felt it was best to remove them," said the spokesman.

249 Flu Deaths In Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG (UP)—The state Health Department today reported 249 Pennsylvanians died of influenza in the first 10 months of this year.

The department said 185 of those deaths occurred in October, the height of the flu outbreaks in the Keystone State and across the nation.

The department's records showed the highest number of deaths from flu were the 39,301 fatalities in 1918, including 22,238 in the month of October that year.

Despite a 55 per cent increase in population in the last 50 years, the department noted a 35 per cent decline in the overall death rate in the state in that period.

14 Homes and Grade School Razed by Fire

PITTSBURGH (UP) — An estimated 40 families faced a homeless Christmas today as the result of a wind-whipped fire that destroyed 14 homes and a grade school in a three-block area at nearby Rankin, Pa.

The fire raged out of control for more than four hours in a condemned tenement section, causing an estimated one million dollars damage. Two persons died of heart attacks during the blaze and at least four firemen were injured.

Rankin fire chief Jack Blazina, who estimated damage, said the fire broke out about noon Monday in an old vacant house. A high wind fanned the flames, sending sparks showering down on neighboring buildings.

In Harrisburg, Gov. George M. Leader instructed the state Commerce Department to make funds available immediately to the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority for its Rankin slum clearance and redevelopment project.

Commerce Secretary William R. Davlin said a $377,269 allocation was available for disbursement. He said funds would be released as quickly as surveys disclose the exact needs in the redevelopment project area as a result of the fire.

The Rankin fire partly demolished an area that had been earmarked earlier for redevelopment by the authority.

The department said redevelopment would consist primarily of modern apartment buildings, shopping and parking areas and a new civic center. Apartment and row type houses will be constructed near the center of the city on the crest of a hill that commands a view of the valley below.

The shopping center will be centered in a landscaped pedestrian mall and the civic center will feature a small playground to serve the children of commercial and cultural patrons.

Report Nothing Saved

Allegheny County service organizations, including the Salvation Army and Red Cross, were on the scene before the fire was brought under control.

With almost monotonous regularity Red Cross workers repeated, "complete disaster, nothing saved," as families reported their losses.

John Faucette looked at the burned-out second floor of his home and then at the houses on both sides which had escaped damage.

"It was fate," he said. "You get it or you don't."

Mrs. Blanche Lynch, standing near the shell of her home, gazed dazedly at the Christmas wreath which dangled from a window.

"We won't have a Christmas now," she said. "Who cares about Christmas!"

More than 40 fire companies sent equipment to the scene, including Pittsburgh, located eight miles from the highly-industrialized Monongahela Valley community. Throughout the blaze firemen were

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Norma Talmadge, Former Silent Film Star, Dies

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (UP)—Norma Talmadge, one of the greats in Hollywood's fabulous era of the 20's, died today after a heart attack at her home.

The former silent screen star had been ill for some time and passed away at 4 a.m. p.s.t. (7 a.m est) She had resided here with her husband, Dr Carvel James, whom she married in 1946

Before her marriage to James, Miss Talmadge was married for 17 years to movie mogul Joseph Schenck. She divorced Schenck in 1934 and married comedian-toastmaster George Jessel. Her marriage to Jessel, ended in the divorce courts five years later.

Miss Talmadge gained worldwide fame in the silent screen era, her career guided by the masterful Schenck who selected her stories and directed the best possible talent in her support.

Her successful pictures made the Talmadge name a household word and reaped financial returns from epics that were the biggest money makers of the screen.

Two Talmadge sisters, Constance and Natalie, also were successful in the silent screen era.

She retired from pictures shortly after talkies arrived, making only one audible film and turning down frequent attempts to make a film comeback. The star said she had put in almost a generation before the cameras and was entitled to enjoy life.

Full Output of Power Delivered By Atomic Plant

PITTSBURGH (UP) — The world's first full - scale atomic power plant for civilian use today delivered its full output of 60,000 kilowatts to the Duquesne Light Co.'s network of lines.

The atomic power mixed with Duquesne Light's coal - produced power to serve two million persons in the greater Pittsburgh area. Duquesne Light and the Atomic Energy Commission announced the nuclear plant reached its peak at 11:10 a.m. e.s.t. Monday.

The joint announcement said the steam turbine generator actually produced 68,000 kilowatts of power but 8,000 were needed for the station's own requirements.

The first power from the atomic power plant was drawn last Wednesday. The plant hit its peak output just 21 days after the atomic reactor went "critical" and began a sustained chain reaction.

The nuclear reactor was built by the Westinghouse Electric Corp. under contract with the AEC. Duquesne Light operates the entire plant. The reactor uses 14 tons of natural uranium surrounding 165 pounds of enriched uranium as its source of power.

Duquesne Light officials said the plant was now producing enough power to serve the needs of 150,000 families.

Ann Blyth Gives Birth to Daughter

HOLLYWOOD (UP) — Actress Ann Blyth and her third child, a red-haired little girl named Kathleen, were reported "doing fine" today at St. Vincent's Hospital.

The baby was born Monday to Miss Blyth, wife of Dr. James McNulty, brother of singer Dennis Day. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces. The McNultys have two other children, Timothy, 3½, and Maureen, 2.

Annual Christmas treat of the Belle Vernon Moose will be given to members' children on Wednesday, Dec. 25 beginning at 2 p. m.

Reservoir Fate Rests With Board in State

HARRISBURG (UP)—The state Forests and Waters Department said today the fate of a proposed 250 million dollar water reservoir in Fayette County rests with its Water and Power Resources Board.

Department Secretary Dr. Maurice K. Goddard said reservoir backers would have to appear before the four-member board for permission to construct a dam and for authority to take water. He said no application had been received for the project.

The 1957 Legislature passed the law which authorized the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County to condemn properties which the proposed dam would inundate while flooding hundreds of square miles of land in Fayette County.

The dam, to be erected across Indian Creek, would back up one of the world's largest reservoirs. It would feed a 43-mile underground system carrying water through Fayette and Westmoreland counties to Pittsburgh.

John Ware, Philadelphia, helped organize the authority and plans to operate the reservoir through a managership arrangement. Ware said construction of the dam was expected to start about June.

However, Dr. Goddard said he "doubted" if hearings on the reservoir could be completed by June "let alone build a dam of the proposed size."

Goddard said he had not "formed an opinion" on the reservoir, contending the final decision would be up to the board he heads as chairman. Other members are Dr. Charles L. Wilbar Jr., state

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Plenty of Peace, Prosperity For Christmas, but no Snow

The district will celebrate Christmas tomorrow with an abundance of peace and prosperity, but without snow.

The weather bureau promised a spring-like day — sunny and mild — with the mercury reaching into the high 50's.

Despite the unseasonable setting, there was no lack of other traditional aspects of Christmas.

Merchants throughout the district reported a huge business volume, in some cases record sales. All of which indicates that gifts will be stacked high around the Christmas tree.

The holiday — happiest in the Christian calendar — will start for many persons tonight with church services. There are indications that attendance at church will reach record proportions this year.

Family get-to-gethers will feature the day's activities, topped off with a sumptuous Christmas dinner.

Unhappily, tragedy in the form of traffic deaths will cast a somber cloak over the holiday celebration. Since Christmas falls in mid-week, the highway slaughter will claim about 180 persons, according to the National Safety Council. Ordinarily about 80 deaths are reported during a similar non-holiday period, the council stated.

In the district, Sgt. Julius Trombetta, who is in charge of the State Police barracks at Belle Vernon, said extra details have been assigned to patrol highways. He reminded that most fatalities are caused by drinking drivers and road hogs.

Virtually all business places will close tomorrow in observance of the holiday. Included will be all municipal offices.

Stores in Monessen will close today at 6 p.m.

Claimants who are regularly scheduled for Wednesday at the Charleroi office of the Employment Bureau are to report as instructed on their last previous visit.

Aside from the all-important religious aspect, Christmas is usually a day for the children. And near record sales of toys indicate that the youngsters will have quite a time.

The "needy" children won't be forgotten, either. Quietly, the Salvation Army, along with other church and charitable groups, have seen to it that everyone in the area will have as merry a Christmas as possible.

Safety experts reminded parents that there is "no such thing as a fire-proof Christmas tree." They recommended that tree holders contain water at all times and that light connections be checked carefully.

"Let's all live to enjoy the holiday," suggested a spokesman for the Safety Council.

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Seven Hurt in Accidents

Seven persons were injured, none seriously, in traffic mishaps in the district yesterday and this morning.

State police said a car operated by Fred Allen, 19, of 1007 Monongahela Ave., Belle Vernon, was traveling west on old Route 71 near Allen's Crossroads when he failed to negotiate a curve. The car went off the highway and struck a parked car belonging to Andrea Beregi, 31, of 1113 Broad Ave. Ext., Belle Vernon.

Allen suffered bruises about the chest and knees and was detained in Charleroi-Monessen Hospital. A fellow passenger, George Pollack, 19, of 205 Johnson St., Belle Vernon, was treated at the hospital for a cut lip and released.

Hits Parked Car

Reports said Anthony Ramosky, 47, of R. D. 1, Charleroi, was traveling on old Route 71 near Bentleyville early last night when he ran into a parked car occupied by Barbara Swango, 16, also of R. D. 1, Charleroi. Police listed the damage at $1,000.

Clarence Griffith, 53, of Pricedale, was taken to Charleroi-Monessen Hospital about 12:45 this morning with injuries suffered in an accident on Monessen Highway. He received minor bruises and shoulder injuries. State police had no report of the mishap.

Patsy Vince, 33, of Fayette City was injured about 3 p. m. yesterday when his motorcycle was involved in a headon collision with an auto on Route 711 about one mile east of Belle Vernon, state police said.

Vince was admitted to Charleroi-Monessen Hospital suffering possible leg injuries. His condition is listed as "fairly good."

Monessen Driver

The operator of the car was identified as John Onsega, 64, of 1334 State St., Monessen.

Mrs. Arlene Elliott, 21, of Avella R. D. 2, was injured about 2:30 p. m. yesterday when her car left Route 18 five miles north of Washington and fell into a ravine, state police said.

According to police, Mrs. Elliott was following a car which slowed suddenly. She applied the brakes of her car and the wheels locked throwing the machine across the road and into the gully.

She was treated at Washington Hospital for a head cut and released.

Jamie Daugherty, 24, of Cleveland, Ohio, and her husband, Mahlon, 27, were treated at the hospital for minor injuries they suffered when their car was involved in a mishap on the Country Club road north of Washington. Both were released after treatment.

CHRISTMAS CARD? — No, not a Christmas card, but the Nixons grouped around their Christmas tree in Washington. From left are Vice President Richard Nixon, daughter Patricia, Mrs. Nixon, and daughter Julie.

Santa Clauses Have Trying Experiences

By UNITED PRESS

The jolly Santa at the Jordan Marsh Department Store in Boston hefted the 5-year-old boy into his lap.

"Been a good boy and eaten your spinach?" he asked.

"Who the ----- eats spinach any more?" retorted the tot.

It left Santa speechless as have several thousand juvenile rejoinders as surveyed by United Press this Christmas season.

There was the Santa's helper at Kaufmann's, Pittsburgh's largest department store, trying to help a child find his mother.

"What does she look like?" asked Santa's helper.

"Like a balloon," said the boy, 4.

"No, no," said S. H., pointing to a balloon. "That's a balloon."

"That's what she looks like," the kiddie replied, "and that's what daddy calls her."

Has Common Complaint

The Denver Dry Goods Co. had a common complaint. Santa didn't come back from lunch. A large line of children had formed and the desperate management grasped the straw of a voluntary customer who agreed to take the part. Turned out he was the entertainer on a TV program for children.

Santa at one of the Sears Roebuck stores in Dallas is a 20-year-old Baylor University student named Raymond Bailey. He is more mature in whiskers and pillow.

A bevy of teen-age girls decided to pull Santa's leg and sent one of their number to sit in his lap. The junior miss said she wanted a record player and Raymond began suggesting a few rock 'n' roll numbers to go with it, whereupon the girl leaped up and fled.

"Let's get out of here," she cried, "this guy is hep."

A Chicago streetcorner Santa got a foreign assignment — playing St. Nick for the city animal shelter. He came back to the employment office with a tear-stained beard.

"For most guys that would be okay," he said, "the animals are better behaved than a lot of kids. But me . . . I'm allergic to cats."

How many beards were snatched off no one will ever know. How many Santas were bitten, poked in the eye or dazed by exploding balloons will go unrecorded.

Churches

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Also masses at 10 and 12 a. m. Thursday and Friday also holy days in Byzantine Rite. Thursday is the feast of the Belssed Mother and St. Joseph; Friday is feast of St. Stephen. Masses on those days at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. The latter will mark the first evening masses at the church on holy days.

St. Anthony of Padua: Midnight mass will mark the first mass in the new church at 1205 Patton Ave. Also masses at 10 a.m. and noon.

PROTESTANT

Trinity Episcopal: Choral Eucharist at 11:30 tonight. Holy Communion service at 9 a. m.

First Presbyterian: Annual candlelight service at 7:30 tonight.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran: Christmas Eve services in Finnish at 7:30; in English, 11 o'clock.

First Methodist: Christmas Eve candlelight service at 11 o'clock.

St. Paul's Lutheran: Candlelight services and cantata at 11 o'clock tonight.

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St. Spyridon Greek: Sunday school at 10 a. m. and Divine Liturgy at 11 a. m.

BELLE VERNON

PROTESTANT

First Methodist: Christmas Eve candlelight service at 11 o'clock. "The Christ Child Cometh".

First Baptist: Service of carols and candles tonight at 11 o'clock.

CATHOLIC

St. Sebastian: Masses at midnight, 7, 7:40, 9, 10:30 and 12 a. m.

Both Holy Cross, Webster, and St. Anne's, Fellsburg, Catholic churches will have masses at midnight and 9 and 10:30 a. m.

Lighting

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Alterici, 51 Pacific Dr. (also grand prize); S.J. Blythe, 31 Monessen Blvd., second; Ronald Moreau, 44 Center Dr., third.

The judging committee included these representatives of Monessen service clubs:

James Melissas, Irene Sovich, Albert Podrasky, W. H. R. Patterson, Dr. Lewis Farquhar, Bryan Beery, Henry Kousman, Mary Ann Rolston, Donna Stofka and Jean Miller.

To Raise Rates

HARRISBURG (UP)—The Ridgway Borough Water Department will raise rates of 216 suburban consumers an estimated $2,009 annually Jan. 1.

State PSEA to Meet Tomorrow

HARRISBURG (UP) — More than 3,000 teachers and school administrators will meet here Thursday for the 105th annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

PSEA President Kermit M. Stover said the three-days of sessions will consider the possibility of lengthening the school year, accelerated programs and scholarship programs for higher education.

Gov. George M. Leader will address the convention Dec. 27.

Peace

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evidence" —not more words — to prove its sincerity in seeking to ease East-West tensions.

Both the Chief Executive and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in their report to the nation on last week's allied "summit" meeting in Paris, left the door open to new East-West talks whenever Russia shows willingness based on "integrity and sincerity."

High administration sources, in giving the "open-door" interpretation of the President's remarks, did not indicate how, when or where the administration felt Russia should demonstrate its sincerity in peace efforts.

They indicated, however, it is now up to Russia to make the next move inasmuch as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Council in Paris has proposed specific steps to Russia to break the deadlock over disarmament.

Test of Soviet Intentions

One of those steps is to join the 25-nation U.S. commission disarmament talks when they begin. While Russia has denounced the 25-nation group it has not boycotted it. Some officials thought the convening of the commission next year may provide a major test of Russia's intentions. Russia likewise has scoffed at, but not flatly rejected, the alternate NATO proposal for an East-West foreign ministers conference.

Dulles, who gave the bulk of the half-hour talk, rejected as too unwieldy Russia's counter-proposal for a special disarmament meeting of the full U.N. General Assembly.

Rankin

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hampered by low water pressure because of the heavy demand on lines.

Pittsburgh also dispatched its fire boat. Firemen stretched hoses nearly a half mile from the Monongahela River to the center of the blaze.

Use Garden Hoses

During the height of the fire many residents on the perimeter of the burning area climbed to the roofs of their homes with garden hoses to extinguish hot embers.

The homeless spent the night in church basements and the United Steelworkers Union hall. Arrangements were also made for feeding them.

Rankin police chief Frank Gaskill said more than 100 people were unable to stay in their home last night.

Salvation Army Col. Paul D. Seiler said arrangements were underway to find toys for the many children deprived of all their belongings just two days before Christmas.

Leo Stern, director of the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority, said most of the burned-out area had been scheduled to be razed for redevelopment. He said the authority would do everything in its power to speed up the rebuilding.

In addition to the homes and the school destroyed, eight houses and two other grade schools were damaged.

Another Charge Added to List

PITTSBURGH (UP) — City detectives nabbed Oscar Woods, Kansas City, Monday as he was lifting a wallet from a woman's purse at a bus station.

Searching the prisoner, the detectives found a marked deck of cards, a pair of loaded dice and a package of fake money.

When asked if he had ever been arrested before and on what charges, the man replied:

"From coast to coast and border to border. For everything that ain't legal."

A larceny charge was added to his record.

Bowles Is Speaker

PITTSBURGH (UP)—Chester H. Bowles, former governor of Connecticut and ambassador to India and Nepal, will be the principal speaker at the Human Rights Conference here Jan. 30.

Obituaries—

Coccari Services to Be Held Here Friday

Services for Carmine Coccari, 75 1234 McMahon Ave., Monessen, who died yesterday at 11:05 a. m. will be held on Friday.

Born in Rogliano, Province of Cosenza, Italy, June 2, 1882, Mr. Coccari came to Monessen in 1898. He started in business in 1907, operating an automobile agency. In 1910 he opened a barber shop which was in business for a number of years. He conducted a trucking business while being employed intermittently at The American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. and Page Division, American Chain & Cable Co.

In 1923 he established his present location at 822 Donner Ave., the Coccari Garage, and was in business there until the time of his death. His nephew, Ernest Coccari has been associated with him in the business for the past 35 years.

Preceded in death by a sister two years ago, he is survived by three brothers, Domenic and Rosario, Monessen and Frank, in Italy; nephews, Ernest, Louis, James, Robert, John, Joseph and Rudolph, all of Monessen; nieces, Mrs. Frank (Lena) Venneri and Mrs. Thomas (Edith) Alexander, Monessen and Mrs. Gus (Marie) Hickel, Baltimore, Md.; other nieces and nephews in Philadelphia and in Italy.

Mr. Coccari was a member of the St. Cajetan R. C. Church; an honorary member of the Sons of Italy; member of the Italian Mutual Aid Society and the B. P. O. Elks 773, Monessen. He also held membership in the Monessen Auto Dealers Assn., Pennsylvania Auto Dealers Assn. and the National Auto Dealers Assn.

Friends will be received at the late home after 7 p.m. today.

MRS. FREDRICKA NEFF

Funeral services were held today at 2 p.m. for Mrs. Fredricka Neff, 71, who died Saturday at her late residence, Seventh St., Sutersville.

The Rev. E.K. Giles officiated and burial followed in West Newton Cemetery.

Mrs. Neff, daughter of the late Frederick and Dorthea Dirstein Shiffman, was born April 20, 1886, in Elizabeth Twp.

Surviving are her husband, Benjamin Neff; three sons, Arthur at home, William of West Newton and Herman Neff of Sutersville; four daughters, Mrs. Alma Robinson of Sutersville, Mrs. Dorothy Toman of R.D. 2, Elizabeth and Mrs. Irma Frazier and Mrs. Charlotte Gibb, both of McKeesport; 12 grandchildren; a brother, Frederick Shiffman; and three sisters, Miss Louise Shiffman and Mrs. Margaret Contakos, both of McKeesport, and Miss Gertrude Shiffman of Sutersville.

JAMES W. DUDGEON

James W. Dudgeon, 223 Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen, died yesterday at 10:35 p. m. in the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital.

He is survived by his wife and a son James, New Kensington.

Friends are being received at the Harold R. Toner Funeral Home, Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, where visiting hours are from 1 to 5 and 7 to 10 p. m.

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Reading Man on Board of Review

HARRISBURG (UP) — Reading businessman John S. Giles today took over new duties as a member of the state Unemployment Compensation Board of Review at a salary of $11,000 a year.

Giles, a florist, succeeded William J. Burchinal, of Smithfield, whose term expired. The new member is president of the Pennsylvania Motor Federation and a former Reading police commissioner.

Reservoir

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health secretary; William Voigt Jr., Fish Commission executive director, and Stephen P. Stahlnecker, Public Utility commissioner.

The proposed reservoir has prompted sportsmen's groups and some Fayette County residents to map plans to block the project. The Indian Creek Valley Civic Association has urged the election next November of an administration and General Assembly members "pledged to repeal or amend Senate Bill 676," the legislation authorizing the reservoir authority.

The Izaak Walton League among other outdoor groups, has named a committee to work for repeal of the law.

No Santas Here

SWANSEA, Wales (UP)—Parents explained today to their children that the bearded men with sacks on their backs are not Santa Clauses. They are university students who are competing in a beard-growing contest and acting as part-time holiday mailmen.

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Four Survivors Picked Up in Pacific Air Crash

Spurs Hopes of Searchers for Radar Crewmen

HONOLULU (UP) — A Marine Corps rescue boat early today picked up four men who survived the crash of a big Navy radar plane off Oahu Island with 23 aboard, spurring hopes of a search armada that more survivors could be found.

The skipper of the crash boat No. 22 reported that he and another Marine Corps boat in the area had also picked up two bodies in the choppy waters.

Crash boat No. 22 headed for Kaneohe Marine Air Station with the four exhausted survivors and the one body it found. The other crash boat remained at the scene to continue the search, along with other boats and planes.

Radios Headquarters

The skipper of crash boat No. 22 radioed to search headquarters at Pearl Harbor:

"One of the survivors told me they had to ditch."

He had no further details.

The rescue of the four men touched off renewed efforts by the ships and planes takirg part in the all-out search ordered after the plane vanished Monday while on a routine training flight

Seas in the area were high and visibility was poor, hampering the search by ocean. However, the search by air was easier, since the ceiling was 2,000 feet and there were scattered clouds.

The Navy first reported 24 men were aboard the plane. However, one man, Aviation Radarman 3-C Richard D. Varner, was found to have been on liberty in downtown Honolulu.

On Practice Flight

The downed plane was a WV2 Super Constellation. It was on a eight hour routine practice flight. It left Barber's Point Naval Air Station at 10 a.m. (3 p.m. e.s.t)

It last reported by radio at 3:08 pm (8:08 pm est.) and said then that everything was proceeding to plan.

At 3.50 p.m. Barber's Point radar lost contact with what was believed to have been the missing plane. However, Navy officials pointed out there was no definite proof the plane was on the scope at the time.

The plane carried enough fuel for a 10-hour flight.

The WV- is a four-engine Super Constellation used as the Navy's first line of defense in the Pacific. With all its radar gear, the plane is valued at more than seven million dollars.

Young Mother Gets Many Gifts in Cell

FRANKLIN, Pa. (UP) — Mrs. Lydia Dean, Filipino mother charged with slaying her Air Force husband, was cheered today after a one-hour jail visit with her daughter who brought "a whole bundle" of Christmas gifts.

"It really makes me feel so bad to get all these gifts for I never realized I had so many friends," Mrs. Dean said. "These thoughtful people are doing much to brighten my holiday."

Mrs. Dean, 21, being held for the fatal shooting of her husband, T. Sgt. Ronald Dean, 25, was visited Monday night by her 3-year-old daughter, Phyllis. The meeting took place in Mrs. Dean's holiday-decorated cell at the Venango County Jail where she will spend Christmas.

The child was accompanied by Mrs. William Flick, court-appointed guardian and friend of Mrs. Dean. Mrs. Flick was followed into the cell by her father, Garland Archer, who carried a large cardboard box of gifts from Mrs. Dean's Pleasantville, Pa., neighbors.

"She is excited about Phyllis' Christmas," Mrs. Flick said after the visit. "Lydia talked to Phyllis about Santa Claus and the Christmas tree at our home. Phyllis told her mother she hoped Santa would bring her a doll."

Mrs. Dean bought the doll from her $300 savings, Mrs. Flick said. She said Lydia had also purchased a miniature kitchen for the child and several pieces of doll's clothing.

Mrs. Flick said Phyllis keeps asking her, "when is mommy coming home."

In addition to the presents she received yesterday, Mrs. Dean has received many gifts in the mail, including clothes, cosmetics, fruit and candy. She also has received more than 300 Christmas cards.

Mrs. Dean, who killed her husband after he had asked for a divorce to marry a British girl, was also visited Monday for the first time by members of her late husband's family.

Mrs. Harold Dean, sister-in-law of the victim, brought a large package that was marked "Do not open until Christmas."

At noon on Christmas Day, Mrs. Dean, along with other prisoners, will have a turkey dinner with trimmings, topped off with pumpkin pie for dessert. She will also be permitted a Christmas Day visit from her daughter.

Friends and sympathizers in this northwestern Pennsylvania area have started a "Lydia Dean Fund" to secure her legal aid. More than $1,600 has been collected.

Nativity Scene To Stay Here Through Jan. 7

Monessen's life-sized Nativity Scene will remain in place through Jan. 7, it was announced today.

Rinard Woods, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored holiday promotion, said the tableau will not be removed until after those of the Orthodox faiths observe their Christmas.

The last of the caroling programs was held last night at the Nativity Scene, located on Fifth Street between Donner Ave. and Railroad Alley. Three singing groups took part.

They were the Memorial Civic Center Girls Choir, under the direction of Henry Aloisi; the Girl Scout Choir under the direction of Bunny Tesak; and the St. Nicholas Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Helen Proch.

Local Educator Named to Serve With State Group

Dr. Joseph Pallone, superintendent of Monessen public schools, is one of 100 state educators who were named today to the Governor's Conference on the Improvement of Instruction.

The educators will meet in Harrisburg on Jan. 28 for a two-day session at the call of Gov. George M. Leader.

Among other things, the conference will be asked to reappraise the state's educational system, particularly in the science and mathematics fields.

Certain to be discussed is Governor Leader's recent proposal that the school year be extended either to a six-day week or to ten months.

The educators are expected to set up a plan which will enable a more detailed study of the problem.

Dr. Pallone's appointment to the conference was announced by Charles H. Boehm, superintendent of the state Department of Public Instruction.

Somerset District Man Hit by Auto

SOMERSET, Pa. (UP)— Guy Madison Racey, 54, Somerset RD 2, was reported in serious condition in Somerset Community Hospital today of undetermined injuries suffered when he was struck by an automobile near Acosta.

State police said Racey had been drinking and apparently was en route home when he was struck on Legislative Route 55074, seven miles north of here Monday night. The driver of the car, John Bettors, Somerset RD 2, was not held, police said.

Mt. Calvary in Special Program

"Christ in Christmas" will be the theme of a program to be presented at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Virginia James will be in charge.

Recitations will be given from the children in the various classes of the Sunday School.

There will be music by the Mellowtones, the Carolettes, the Tom Thumb singers and the Allegro Chorus.

Jacqueline and Gwendolyn Smith will be "Santa Belles."

George Robinson is superintendent of the Sunday School, Miss Hazel Sloan, pianist and the Rev. E. Archie, church pastor.

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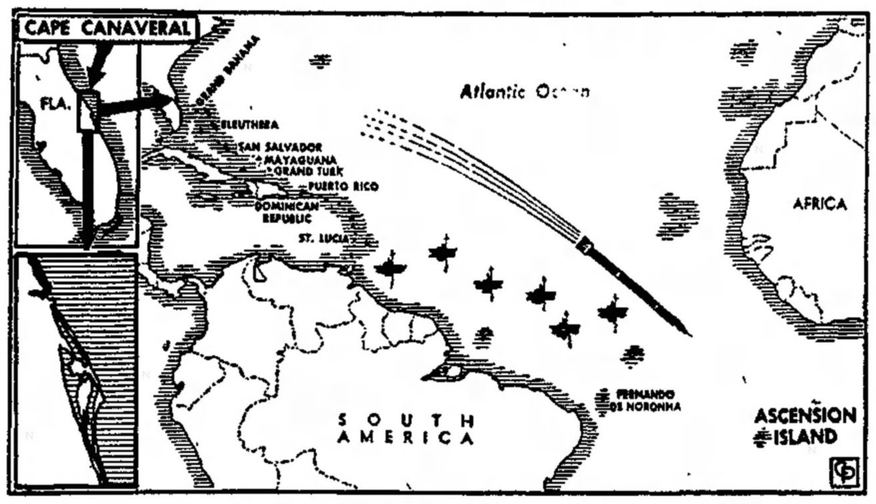
ADMISSIONS

Monessen — Clarence Campbell, Mrs. William Sutton, Mrs. John Barton, Charles Wade; **Belle Vernon** — Donald Halinka, Clinton Robertson, Mrs. Bert Lowery; **Fayette City** — Mrs. Clyde Lidey, Mrs. George Breckenridge; **Charleroi** — Ralph Spidell, Mrs. Louis Farkos, Leonard DeFrancesco; **Donora** — Mrs. William Barger, Henry Sharp; **Elizabeth** — Max Atkinson; **Wilmerding** — Mrs. Robert Taylor; **Monongahela** — Mrs William Falappi; **Dunlevy** — Keith Clement, Mrs. Frank Clement; **North Charleroi** — John Bogan, Thomas Bryner; **Newell** — Mrs. Dominick Todaro; **Roscoe** — Andy Matz; **Bentleyville** — Richard Nelson.

DISCHARGES

Monessen — Joseph Helon, Mrs. John Humbert, John Abraham; **Belle Vernon** — Benjamin Gash, Walter Williams, Mrs. Hannah Price, Mrs. Ralph Cain, Albert Leska; **Fayette City** — Mrs. Curtis McCarthy, Matthew Curry, Mrs. Alice Pivarnik, Simeon Theakston, Nick Savage; **Charleroi** — Mrs. John Kereston, Mrs. James Dray, Leonard DeFrancesco, Mrs. Earl Reuckens, Mrs. D. N. Hall, Jacqueline Lang, Alphonse Brasseur; **Allenport** — Mrs. Maria Canzonieri; **Donora** — Mrs. Frank Pekol, Mrs. John Dzubinsky, Adam Dubowik; **Coal Center** — Mrs. Donald Boulanger; **Smithton** — Mrs. Edward Tutena; **Elco** — Mrs. Thomas Roberts; **Roscoe** — Mrs. Suzanna Kolick; **Webster** — Mrs. Richard Roberts Jr.; **North Charleroi** — George Lohman, John Bogan.



WAY, WAY OUT — Here's an overall view of the Cape Canaveral, Fla., guided missile operation. The missiles are launched from the cape, and Ascension island is the farthest-away target area. There is a radar tracking setup on each island named in the West Indies, and on Fernando De Noronha off South America. Six radar ships (symbols) are strung along Atlantic sea lanes.

Politics, Christmas Party Are Combined

Pleasure was combined with politics at the annual Christmas party held for Monessen City Hall employes last night at Slovak Home.

The Monessen Democratic organization sponsored the affair and took advantage of the occasion by calling for the support of State Sen. John H. Dent, Democratic candidate for Congress.

The affair was attended by both City and Westmoreland County officials, including Dent who will oppose Republican Herbert O. Morrison in a special election Jan. 21.

Speaking in Dent's behalf were Mayor Hugo J. Parente; Councilmen John Kotch, who also acted as toastmaster, David Victoria, John Molnar and David Canova; Treasurer John Spielman; Judge David H. Weiss and Assemblymen H. J. Maxwell and Charles Mills.

In his brief address, Parente called Dent "one of the best representatives of the people the state of Pennsylvania ever had. "John Dent is the type of man we need in Congress. John Dent is a man who will represent the little man."

Parente also urged those present to "get out and work" to elect Dent. He said the party, both in Monessen and the rest of the county, will need volunteers to furnish transportation on election day and also to "get out the vote."

Dent was less political in his short talk, stating "I will always be grateful to the people of Monessen for the way they have always supported me."

He called for unity in the party and said he will do his "best" if elected.

Following a dinner and the speaking program, the 125 guests were entertained by "The Four Specs", a musical quartet.

Food Registration

Surplus food registration will be held in Monessen on Thursday, Jan. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the CIO Hall, it was announced today. All persons must register.

Unusual Gift for County Society

The Westmoreland County Society for Crippled Children today received an unusual Christmas gift.

Members of the Bell Accounting Recreation Center presented a check to the Society, large enough to cover the salary of a nursery teacher for the current school year.

Pre-school classes for the physically handicapped children are now being held at 1002 Highland Ave. in Greensburg under the direction of the Society.

Five from District Get Jury Duty Call

Five district persons have been selected for grand jury duty at the session of Westmoreland County court which begins Jan. 13. They are:

Julia Fritz, Monessen; Ray Gilbo, Rostraver Twp.; Rev. Charles B. Guth, West Newton; Mary Hartman, West Newton; and Amerigo Mancinelli, Monessen.

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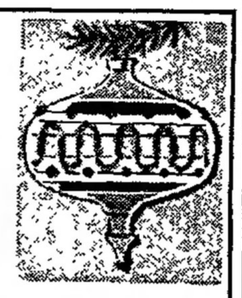

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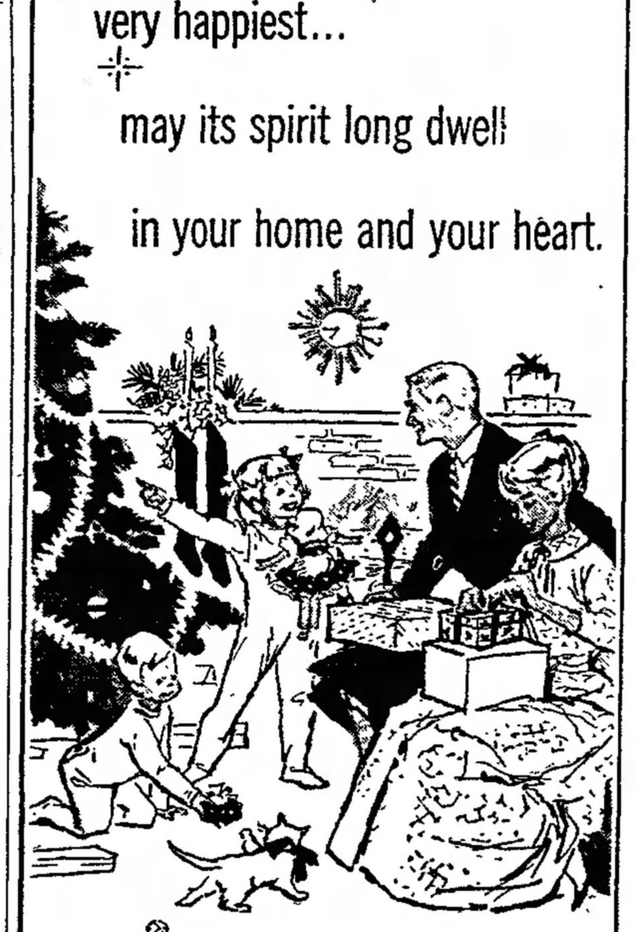
this Christmas among your
very happiest...
may its spirit long dwell
in your home and your heart.



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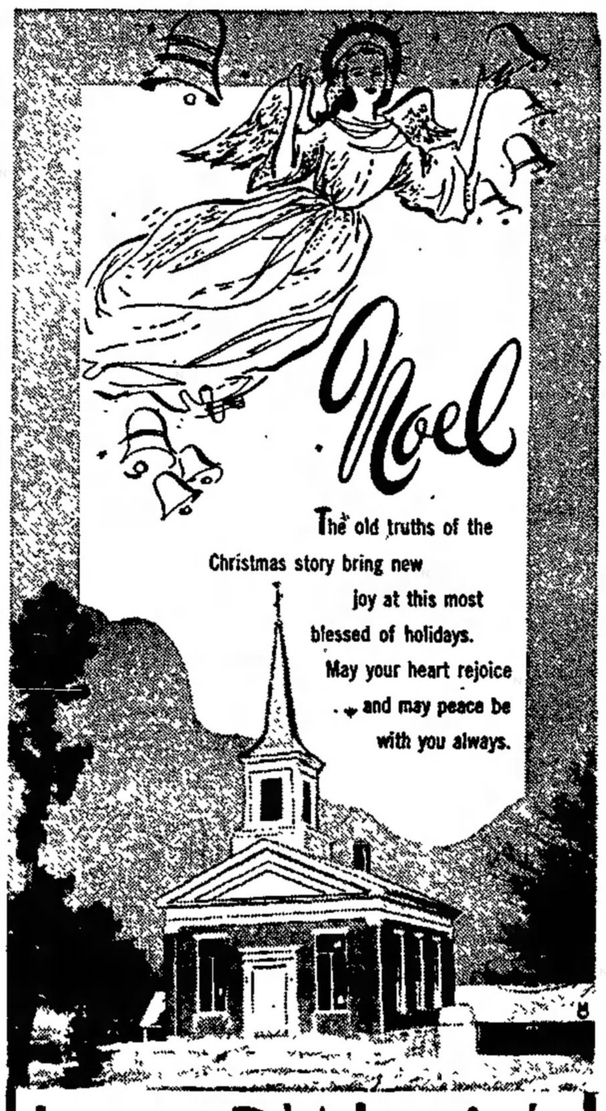

Noel
The old truths of the Christmas story bring new joy at this most blessed of holidays. May your heart rejoice and may peace be with you always.
Irene D'Altorio's
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Greetings
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Editorials—

The Promise Remains

THIS CHRISTMAS, as for some past, the world does not seem to be making much progress towards the great promises of peace on earth and good will among men.

The fault, of course, is man's own. He stubbornly refuses to live by the simple formulae of Christian principles. In their dealings with each other, men and nations put aside these principles — of love and faith and charity. Instead, they use their own ideas and methods — armaments, alliances, greed, conquest, hatred. And the result is the inferno which seems always so imminent, just as promised.

Yet the Christian ideal is still there, seemingly as vibrant and as full of hope as ever. The Star of Bethlehem shines brightly once more tonight and the vast Christian world is stilled by the ancient awe.

Moreover, man continues to give intimations that he has caught the gleam, that he really does understand the way, the truth and the life. We can always look about us and find men and women trying to live in the image of Jesus. And among the nations there are those — our own included, let us always be sure — which strive earnestly for the peace of understanding.

Christmas, then, remains full of hope. We have the assurance that hope will not be withdrawn this side of Armageddon. This promise is all we need to keep striving for better lives in a better world.

A Merry Christmas to all!

A Rare Figure

IT COULD almost be said, as a comment on the death of Ray Sprigle, the venerable reporter of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, that they don't come like that anymore.

Partly, this is because newspaper journalism changed considerably over the span of Ray Sprigle's career. We strive now for objectivity and impersonality. And although we knew Mr. Sprigle as a truthful reporter working for a responsible newspaper, his stories were anything but impersonal, and the color was often their most prominent quality.

We are not entirely sure sometimes that newspapers are better for being invariably objective. Ray Sprigle was given to the kind of moral indignation, particularly about public affairs, of which we have more need these days than we ever had.

Crooked politics and organized law-breaking had a special fascination for Mr. Sprigle. Of necessity, that interest brought him often into Westmoreland County and produced stories which earned their author the hatred of many men prominent in public life. But we never heard of one of them suing him for libel.

Mr. Sprigle was an occasional visitor in this office before he became ill about a year ago. We always enjoyed him and will miss his work. Our sympathies are extended to his associates on the Post-Gazette.

No Place for Politics

A DISPUTE has arisen between two high officials of the state government of Pennsylvania about which the public must know a lot more — and soon.

The auditor general, Charles C. Smith, who is an elected official responsible for seeing that since state funds are expended in accordance with the law, charges that the attorney general, Thomas D. McBride, who is an appointee of the governor, is covering up a scandal involving purchases of cinders by the Highways Department.

Mr. McBride denies the charge, says he is investigating the scandal with a view to prosecution and maintains that Mr. Smith is playing politics. The attorney general has also brought a personal suit against the auditor general, claiming his reputation has been injured.

Obviously here is a matter which demands immediate and thorough action by the responsible officials. And the public is likely to be impatient with such officials if politics is in any way governing their conduct.

Honesty in government is not an inter-party affair. If there has been fraud in the purchases of cinders, those who have access to the facts should present them promptly to a grand jury. Mr. Smith and Mr. McBride should forget their personal differences and work together in the name of justice.

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Merry-Go-Round—

Christmas With GIs In Africa

By DREW PEARSON

NOUASSEUR, Morocco — The American soldier's ability to adjust himself to his surroundings continues to be the most modern miracle of an age which may send rockets to the moon. Here in Africa, three to five thousand miles from Washington or Wichita, Shreveport or San Bernardino, you'll see Christmas decorations and Christmas preparations just as beautiful and just as homelike as any in the above cities.

Mr. Pearson

It makes no difference that the American GI is thousands of miles from home or that he's surrounded by a Moslem population that does not pay homage to Christ's nativity. It's Christmas — and, no matter where he is, he's celebrating it.

So, down the main street of Wheelus Air Base in Tripoli you'll see each barrack competing for the best Christmas decoration as avidly and sometimes more effectively than any community back home. Over the recreation center at Nouasseur Air Base you will see reindeer leaping toward the African horizon, and over the vehicle maintenance shop you will see a silhouette of a wrecker's truck rescuing Santa Claus. The truck has picked up Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and is towing Santa's sleigh with other reindeer inside — a mute reminder that Nouasseur's vehicle maintenance corps can rescue anything.

Col. Bob Hanggstrom of Hoboken, N. J., and Walt Hyzer of Philadelphia are a long way from home but they even make the wheels of the wrecker truck revolve and the electric-light road under Santa's sleigh twinkles here in Africa as effectively as any electrical extravaganza illuminating Times Square.

Azores Get Arctic Touch

To me Christmas doesn't seem quite as real here in Africa as it did in Greenland last year at this time. There's no snow, no ice, no 30-below temperature or other touches of winter usually associated with Christmas. To be sure, Harmon Air Force Base in Newfoundland gave an Arctic touch to the Azores by sending 800 Christmas trees and Lieut. Eugene Schayer of Chicago somehow managed to pack all 800 into one plane. Actually, however, it was in palm-studded desert country quite similar to this in Africa that Christ was born, so Christmas here should come much nearer to producing the physical surroundings of that day when Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem nearly 2,000 years ago.

Donkeys similar to Joseph's are still one of the most important carriers in Africa, and not far from here is a camel mart where another respected beast of burden is traded like old cars at home.

In contrast, great Globemasters come swooping down on the modern runways which American ingenuity has placed in the desert, carrying everything from jeeps to airplane engines. In contrast, also, jet bombers and fighters roar out at dawn for target practice not far from the area where the Wise Men hailed the birth of Jesus with the hope that peace on earth had come to men.

The American soldier who is maintaining and operating these weapons of war in contradiction to the hope that Christ cherished for mankind would prefer not to be doing what he is doing. He would rather be home. However, as noted above, he has an amazing ability to adjust himself to any surroundings and this Christmas he will be able to participate in community pageants, church services, and entertainment as whole-hearted as any back home. He will partake of a turkey dinner as good as any at home. Further, if he lives off base, he will have to pay only 70 cents for that dinner. If he lives on the base, he gets it free.

And, because the American soldier, whether he reads the Bible or not, has an inherent sense of what Christmas is all about, he has gone out of his way in these distant lands to help the people of these lands.

For some weeks the air patrol at Nouasseur has been putting the "touch" on everyone from the base commander down to finance Christmas celebrations at Moroccan orphanages. For months they have been busy collecting old toys, repainting and repairing them for children in the near-by Moroccan towns. Other air units are doing the same.

I watched one Christmas party given at the Nouasseur Air Force hospital for 60 French and Moroccan orphans by the hospital corps. A burly sergeant led a little French girl to the chow line and heaped her plate with Christmas goodies. Three orphans all tried to hang on to the hand of the chief surgeon as he led them into the mess hall. A Negro airman led a six-year-old Moroccan boy who looked longingly at the toy-laden Christmas tree, his eyes bulging. Another boy slipped away from an awkward sergeant who was trying to act the role of mother, then scampered back for a closer look at the tree.

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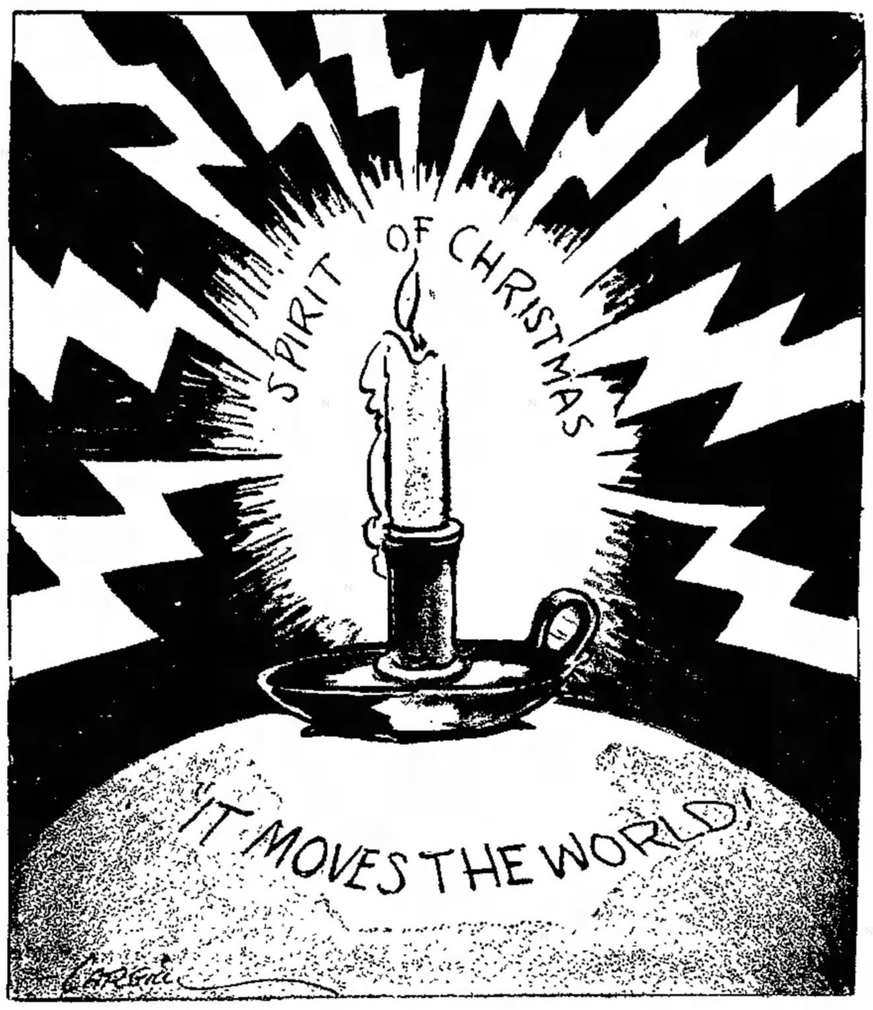

From Paris—

NATO Meeting a Success

By ROSCOE DRUMMOND

PARIS — All right, let's be honest; let's come right out and say it:

Most of us correspondents were overly pessimistic about what would be accomplished at the NATO conference.

It has been far more productive, shown greater unity than anyone, including the participants themselves, expected.

Mr. Drummond

It is not overstating it to say that it has been a solid, substantial and significant success.

I don't mean that this summit assembly of 15 presidents and prime ministers has fashioned any dramatic surprises, any new, bold and resplendent measures to give a great lift to the free world and to the uncommitted nations. It hasn't. Everybody was right on that.

Missiles Accepted

I don't mean that it was only the press corps here which took a dim view about what was going to be accomplished. On the eve of the first session the American newspapermen were gloomily told by sources they had reason to respect that the decision the U. S. thought most important—the decision that NATO should be equipped with missiles and missile bases—would probably be postponed. The argument was advanced that while this was important there was no urgency about it since there would be time to do it later.

The decision was taken firmly and unanimously. Nearly everybody was wrong about that and the diplomats were themselves hedging against their own anticipated inaction.

There were two significant shifts which the conference took at midstream and which crossed up the pessimists.

Simultaneous Talks

The conference began with heavy disagreement over whether NATO should decide now to put the missiles at the disposal of the Supreme Commander and with a strong tendency to postpone it. It ended with a united decision to approve this step without delay.

The conference began with a considerable wish to launch into talks with the Soviets without further arming NATO and ended with a decision to stimulate talks with the Soviets while simultaneously arming NATO with the most modern weapons — an atomic stockpile and missiles.

It was these changes in the mood, direction and end verdict of the conference which make it a significant, even if qualified success.

There is no doubt that the presence and participation of President Eisenhower contributed to this result. Credit also belongs to British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan because he stood resolutely for modern arms and because he was understanding and responsive to the desire of the Europeans to show a full willingness to negotiate with but not appease the Russians.

No one cut through the argument for not going ahead with deploying IRBM's in Europe better than the British Prime Minister. He said he could easily understand any country wishing to be at once neutral and unarmed, but that he could see no sense in any country which wasn't neutral being armed with obsolescent arms.

NATO Isn't Neutral

None of the NATO nations are neutral. They are committed to act together in the common defense and that commitment is secure.

And there is no wave of appeasement in Western Europe, there was no appeasement sentiment anywhere at the NATO conference table.

What is evident is a feeling that in Khruschchev the West is dealing with a rash, uncertain and unpredictable character and that it was not wise or necessary to confront the Soviet leadership with a strictly military decision here in Paris. This is the main reason why NATO favored negotiation and missiles, not missiles without negotiation.

The negotiations will be cautious and prudent. They will center predominantly on disarmament and the intention is to stand by the Western proposals lately endorsed 54 to 9 at the United Nations.

NATO will not be an instrument of negotiation. It will be an instrument of consultation and planning. There will be a whole series of separate national replies to the Bulganin letters. Each country may well advance different proposals for Moscow to respond to, but no NATO countries will go off without clearing its proposals with the others.

The aim is to keep Mr. Bulganin busy replying to our suggestions so that the West is not, as in the past, constantly in the position of responding to his.

Quotes from the News

By UNITED PRESS

NEW YORK — J. K. Bossart, director of the astronautics division of Convair Corp. and one of the nation's leading missile designers, revealing his company is studying "going to the Moon":

"If we set our minds to it, we could reach the moon with a rocket in one or two years."

VATICAN CITY — Pope Pius XII taking note of man's movement toward outer space:

"Let those who observe today's competition know how to reduce the facts to their true proportions."

WASHINGTON — Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) — calling for secret disarmament negotiations between the United States and Russia:

"Let's start negotiations at the ambassadors' level. . .then there can be a summit meeting where the results can be announced and the accolades passed around."

LONDON— Stanley Mayne, general secretary of the Institute of Professional Civil Servants, announcing scientists working for the British Atomic Energy Agency will demand immediate salary increases:

"It's no good staying on the ground with pay in an age of rockets and space travel."

NEW YORK—Gov. Averell Harriman on United States military preparedness in comparison with Russia's armed might:

"It is quite evident that we have permitted ourselves to fall behind."

WASHINGTON — Sen. Prescott Bush (R-Conn.) on U.S. failure to safeguard its secrets:

"We should talk less, publish less and accomplish more."

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.— U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge on Russia's professed desire for "peaceful coexistence":

"We want to be shown and so does the rest of the world. When it comes to such a sudden change as this, we are, in the American slang phrase, 'From Missouri'."

SAN FRANCISCO — Amnesia victim Harry Gallon on how it feels to lose your memory for four months:

"It was like being dead for four months. . .like reading the first and last chapters of a book with the middle torn out."

LONDON— Ingrid Bergman discussing her plans to spend Christmas with her estranged husband, Roberto Rossellini, and their children:

"We shall all be together for Christmas — my children, their father and his sister, who lives in the apartment above mine."

The Cynic's Corner—

Behind The News—

Cold War May Shift To Middle East Again

By CHARLES M. McCANN

Cold war headlines are likely to shift back to the Middle East again before long.

Dispatches from Europe report that Soviet Russia intends to intensify its campaign of infiltration and propaganda.

Mr. McCann

The infiltration would be centered on Egypt and Syria. The propaganda would be directed against the United States, Turkey and Jordan, whose young King Husein Syria especially still hopes to overthrow.

Russia has recently offered to lend Egypt about 175 million dollars for the purchase of goods from the Soviet bloc of countries. Syria signed a new trade agreement, of unspecific amount, in Moscow Thursday.

Express Some Concern

Some concern is being expressed in Western European capitals because more attention was not paid to the Middle Eastern situation in last week's North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in Paris.

The long communique issued at the end of the meeting dismissed the Middle East with a few generalities.

However, it is necessary to remember that the NATO meeting lasted only four days and that problems of more immediate concern took precedence.

There are signs that the position of the United States and its allies may improve within the next few months despite Russia's determined campaign.

It is reported in Washington that President Eisenhower will soon name Charles W. Yost, a veteran career diplomat, as ambassador to Syria.

The United States and Syria have not maintained ambassadors in each others' capitals since August.

Nasser Worried

It is persistently reported that President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt is increasingly worried over the dangerous tie-up of his country's economy with Russia.

One report is that Nasser has started to ask for guarantees regarding prices and quality of goods sent to Egypt by Russia and its satellites, and that the Russians are annoyed.

The United States recently granted Egypt $600,000 in economic aid—the first since Nasser's seizure of the Suez Canal in 1956.

Britain and France are negotiating with Egypt for restoration of trade relations, suspended since the Suez crisis, and negotiations on Egypt's payment of compensation to canal stockholders are to start soon

The Lighter Side—

Three Orient Kings Find New King in Manger

By DOC QUIGG

A star stood in the East, and three kings of Orient gathered their riches and set out on a long journey westward. Their train of camels plodded slowly under the weight of great bags of treasures—gold vessels and bars, jeweled pieces, frankincense, and myrrh.

Their names were Balthasar, Melchior, and Gaspar, and they were wise men. And all along the way, when they stopped to rest the camels, they made answer to gaping crowds with one sentence: "A king is born."

And they came even unto Jerusalem, heralding that word which had visited them of a newborn king. "For we have seen His star in the East," the eldest, Balthasar, said, "and have come to worship Him." And then they passed on along the road.

Boy Stares In Wonder

In the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, a small boy stood in a doorway of a street-side house that same silent night. His cheeks were sunken from hunger, his clothing tattered and filthy. His large eyes were sick with famine, but they stared in wonder over the rooftops down the crooked old street.

For he too had seen a star. It shone with right Orient brightness, and soft lights flickered in his eyes when he looked at it. And as he watched, it moved until it was standing over a stable down the street.

From afar there was a babble as of many voices, and straightway up the street came shepherds from the fields outside the city.

"Boy, where is the stable in this street?" they asked. "We have come away from our flock, for the Lord hath made known to us that a saviour is born. The sign we seek is a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Points The Way

And then the boy's eyes got wider still, for up the street came a train of camels bearing heavy burden. The great beasts' hooves beat loudly on the old street as their drivers urged them on. The three kingly men at the head of the train wore raiment richer than the boy had ever dreamed of, and he shrank back into the doorway as they glanced at him.

When the caravan reached the stable, there were Mary and Joseph and the Babe, and the shepherds stood aside from the manger in awe. And Balthasar and Melchior fell down and worshipped the child. And then suddenly they noticed that Gaspar, the youngest, had not entered with them, and they were ashamed for him.

Find Other Wise Man

They ordered his treasure from the train to be presented along with theirs. And when at length they departed for their own country, down the crooked street, they found the other wise man.

He was sitting in the doorway and beside him was the boy, chewing in hunger on a loaf in his left hand. With his dirty right hand he held on to the king's fine robe. And in his lap lay a gift—not gold, but a toy.

The other two rebuked Gaspar. "For shame," they said, "to have turned away from the wonder of this night at the manger — and you, who held steadfast to the star on the long journey."

And he answered them: "I will abide here awhile. I am content. At the last moment, I followed another star—one that stood up in my heart."

Out of the Files

Thirty Years Ago—

Saturday, Dec. 24, 1927

Christmas falling on Sunday this year will bring greater interest to the churches throughout the country, and Monessen like all other communities has arranged impressive services for the day in the various churches.

Frances Heinz and Ella Carlson have gone to Lonaconing, Md. to spend Christmas with their grandmother.

Twenty Years Ago

Friday, Dec. 24, 1937

Almost 800 family groups have been added to the county emergency unemployment relief rolls in the last four weks. Th principal cause for the sharp increase in direct relief was attributed to the current business recession that has resulted in layoffs in almost every type of industry in the country.

The Knights of Columbus have arranged for a dance to be held New Year's Eve at the Italian Hall. Frank Paterra and his orchestra will play.

The most attractive home lighting display in the city is to be seen at the residence of Lorrin Culler, 445 McKee Ave., it was decided last night by the judges in the Daily Independent's annual Christmas lighting contest. The Cullers will receive an electric roaster as first prize.

Ten Years Ago—

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1947

An early morning fire in Charleroi today took the life of a former Monessen man and caused extensive damage to the store of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. in the 500 block of McKean Ave. The victim was identified as Charles R. Kenney. The fire, which caused damage estimated at $25,000, started in a pile of rubbish in the A.&P. basement, according to firemen. They had not yet established the exact cause of the fire.

An ordinance prohibiting parking in the business district from 4 to 6 a. m. became law today as Monessen City Council approved it in a regular meeting this morning. The ordinance is designed to clear the streets for cleaning.

For the first time since the death of President Roosevelt, the White House was readied today for a real family Christmas celebration. President Truman will light the big community Christmas tree on the south grounds of the White House this afternoon. The president and his family will celebrate Christmas in the White House this year.

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Women's Page

Stern Employes in Christmas Party

Employes of Stern Furniture Co. were guests of Sam Stern on Sunday evening at the annual Christmas party. The affair was held at Johnson's restaurant, and covers were laid for 64 guests.

Each employe brought husband, wife or friend and other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ash of Pittsburgh and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pariser. Mr. Pariser is accountant for the company.

The guests gathered at 6 o'clock for an informal cocktail hour, hour, and a turkey dinner was served at 7:15. Table appointments were in a Christmas motif and a large lighted Christmas tree provided the background for the festivities.

After the serving there was an informal program of entertainment presented with various employes taking part. Many of the sketches were humorous and the program was highlighted by a visit from "Santa" in the person of Mrs. Florence Taylor. She presented each guest with "the gift he most needed." Upon presentation each guest opened the humorous package. There was also an exchange of gifts among the guests.

Gifts Presented

Mr. Stern gave a brief talk, and he was presented with a gift from his guests. Another of the humorous sidelights of the affair was the presentation of a coat sewed all over with many patches to him by his employes.

Throughout the evening Christmas carols were sung with Mrs Eileen Stern at the piano. Leading in the group singing were Pearl Lovich, Mrs. Carolyn Stanley, Grace Krepps, Joan Melissas, Sondra Brandon, Dolores Veschio and Sylvia Sakman.

Mr. Stern presented a gift to each of his employes.

Christmas Party Held Sunday at Trinity Church

A parish party was held on Sunday evening at Trinity Episcopal Church parish house to mark the holiday season. The affair was especially arranged for members of the Church School, and other parish members were guests.

Raymond Johnson Jr., superintendent of the Sunday School, presided during the informal program. Carols were sung by the entire assemblage, and then special carols were sung by various groups of the guests.

Peggy Johnston recited a poem. Mr. Johnson gathered the small guests in a circle and told them the Christmas story, "Why The Chimes Didn't Ring."

The climax of the evening was the distribution of treats to all members of the Sunday School. Each member also received a gift.

Armed Forces Program Set by Valley Council

Mrs. Edgar Roth, chairman of the Monongahela Valley Council of B'nai B'rith Women, has announced that the council will carry out an extensive program to benefit hospitalized veterans during the next year.

Local chapters composing the council will give contributions to the Oakland Veteran's Hospital to help defray the expenses of any patient who wishes to visit his family at Christmas.

For the patients who are not permitted to go home there will be special refreshments served at the hospital.

Mrs. William Caplan of Charleroi is president of the council and the local chairman of armed forces committees are Mrs. Sara Ackerman of Donora, Mrs. Sam Pavloff of Monessen and Mrs. Louis Roth of Charleroi.

New Year's Fete Is Planned at Auxiliary Meet

Plans have been made for a New Year's party to be held on Jan. 13 at Johnson's restaurant by members of the Russian American Ladies Auxiliary.

At a meeting held at the Russian Hall Mrs. Gail Yoney was named to serve as chairman of the committee in charge with Mrs. Mary Saladiak as co-chairman.

Arrangement committees were appointed: decorating, Mrs. Nellie Pobok, Mrs. Pauline Sypolt, Mrs. Jay Punzell; entertainment, Mrs. Mary Sobran, Mrs. Barbara Koawl, Mrs. Ann Vasil, Mrs. Olga Kulenic and Mrs. Ann Matty.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Ann Leinberger, the meeting was conducted by Mrs. Mary Saladiak. Mrs. Ann Vasil gave the opening prayer.

Routine reports were given by Mrs Jay Punzell, recording secretary; Mrs. Olga Kulenic, financial secretary and Mrs. Ann Hudak, treasurer.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. William Barger, Donora, a daughter, six pounds, 11 ounces, Dec. 22, at 5:54 a. m., at the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Campbell, Monessen, a daughter, six pounds, nine ounces, Dec. 22, at 1:48 a. m., at the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crise, Belle Vernon, a son, eight pounds, nine ounces, Dec. 22, at 12:18 a. m., at the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Culp, Charleroi, a daughter, seven pounds, three ounces, Dec. 20, at 11:44 p. m. in the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hannah, Cleveland, Ohio, a daughter, seven pounds, Nov. 30. Mrs. Hannah is the former Norma Spiegelberg of Monessen.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kirkpatrick, Donora, a daughter, eight pounds, 10 ounces, Dec. 20, at 8:02 a. m., at the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mendola, Monessen, a son at 12:55 a. m., at the Monongahela Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pollock, Perryopolis, a son, six pounds, 15 ounces, Dec. 20, at 1:19 a. m., at the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor, Wilmerding, a son, four pounds, 12 ounces, Dec. 22, at 12:99 a. m., at the Charleroi - Monessen Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Domenick Todaro, Newell, a son, seven pounds, eight ounces, Dec. 22, at 2:44 p. m., at the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sutton of Monessen, a son, seven pounds, one ounce, Dec. 21, at 10:33 p. m., at the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital.

Gifts Exchanged By Scouts at Christmas Party

A Christmas party was held on Saturday for Cub Scouts of Den 9, Pack 7, in the basement of the home of Douglas Pushnack, a scout. A Christmas tree and two electric trains decorated the room for the festivities.

The host took part in the opening ceremonies. Gifts were exchanged and the boys presented Mrs. Rose, Den Mother, with gifts.

Games were played and refreshments were served by Mrs. Russell Kotys and Mrs. Paul Pushnack. Present were Gregory Kotys, Douglas Pushnack, Wayne Rose, Richard Victoria, James Bodoia, Joel Warren and Ronald Halkias.

Altar Guild of St. John's Holds Meet

December birthdays were observed at the meeting of the Ladies Altar Guild of St. John the Divine Russian Orthodox Church held in the club rooms.

Those honored were Maria Geletka, Mary Gimon, Anna Gernot, Mary Gnora, Mary Kraynak, Peggy Kucik, Anna Masico, Anna Petko, Anna Ratica, Ann Roman, Ann M. Rubachko, Anna Skurkay, Susan Ursinyi Helen Ursinyi, Mary Valko and Ann W. Yocos. Each was presented with a handkerchief and the group sang "Happy Birthday" to them.

The social hour was also highlighted by the serving of refreshments by a committee composed of Sophia Tyger, Ann Vasil, Mary Yonko, Anna Yetsconish, Mary Wanzilak, Susan Wokaly, Susan Ursinyi Anna L. Youshock, Melanie Waytovich, Ann Yocos, Eva Zolak and Mary Zazac.

Business Meet

President Ann Yocos conducted the business session in the early part of the evening. Routine reports were given by Mary Kowell and Henrietta Patrick, financial secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Various fund raising projects were discussed, and plans were made for a bake sale being held today at the G. C. Murphy store. Sophie Latkanich, Ann Matty and Elizabeth Rusnak are co-chairmen of the project.

It was also decided to have a holiday party following the observance of the Orthodox Christmas season. Henrietta Patrick and Eva Zolak will be co-chairmen of the event, and they will be assisted by a large committee.

Trumpette Club Members Plan Christmas Party

Five hundred was the diversion at last week's meeting of the members of the Trumpette Club held at the home of Mrs. Martha Ridgway of Allenport.

High score prizes were awarded to Mrs. Lois Brutout, Mrs. Mary Kurilko, Mrs. Margaret Young and Mrs. Ridgway. Mrs. Brutout and Mrs. Kurilko were present as guests.

Plans were completed for a party to be held at the home of Mrs. Margaret Young in North Charleroi.

The hostess was presented with a gift from the club. She served luncheon after play assisted by Mrs. Jesse Lynn.

Sunshine Club Holds Meeting, Holiday Party

A Christmas party was held for members of the Sunshine Club at the home of Mrs. Stephen Pokomo of 751 Ross St.

The table was appointed in a Christmas fashion with a Santa Claus cake as the centerpiece. Miniature snowmen and Santas marked each setting.

Mrs. Stanley Kapuska of Elizabeth was a guest.

Cards were played and prizes were won by Mrs. Edward Petrus, Mrs. James Piper and Mrs. Anthony Shemony. Others attending were Mrs. Edward Debowski, Mrs. Charles Pokomo and Mrs. Ermin Huhra.

The next meeting will be held at the Debowski home in Donora.

LATE DAY ELEGANCE — is reflected in a coat with matching dress of tuitti fruitti lame from a new collection. The slender dress beneath has a rounded neckline with shoulder straps.

Youth Council Holiday Party On Saturday

A festive holiday party is being planned for Saturday evening in the parish house of St. Leonard Roman Catholic Church. It has been arranged for all members of the Catholic Youth Council from 7 until 11 o'clock.

Reservations may still be made for the affair by contacting Ann Hutchison at MU 4-8506 or Marcia Cenkner at MU 4-4541.

This will be the final event of the year for the council, which was organized during the past year.

LOCALS

Lt. and Mrs. Thomas Dudas of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., are spending the holiday season with their parents in Monessen. Lt. Dudas, who is with the dental corp in the armed forces, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Dudas Sr. of Sixth St. Mrs. Dudas, the former Catherine Hornak is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hornak of Rostraver St.

David Friedland, a sophomore student at Cheshire Academy in Connecticutt, is spending his holiday recess with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Friedland of Center Dr. He has as his houseguest, Pete Gopfert of Chile, South America, a classmate at Cheshire.

Mrs. Estella Swade of Washington D. C. is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McKenzie of 223 First St.

Ronald Minnie, a student at Westminster College in New Wilmington, is spending the holiday vacation at his home in Monessen.

Pvt. Gerald Lhota who has completed his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., is spending the holiday season with his wife, Mrs. Germaine Lhota of McMahon Ave., his parents and other relatives.

Mary Lou Rowe, a student at Pennsylvania State University, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rowe of Shawnee Ave.

Catholic B.P.W. Will Convene On Thursday

Taking as their theme "Holly — Charity and Kindness" members of the Our Lady of Fatima chapter of the Catholic Business and Professional Women's Club will have their December meeting on Thursday evening.

The session is usually held on the final Wednesday of each month, but was postponed due to Christmas day.

The meeting will be held at the Park Casino and will begin with the serving of dinner.

A Christmas party will be held, and the hostesses are Margaret Thompson, Mary McKosky, Ann Arcuri, Virginia Dudas and Joan Galaski.

Hi-Neighbor Club Marks Christmas

The women of the Hi-Neighbor Club had as their guests, their husbands, at a Christmas dinner party held at the Ankara on Route 51. The membership of the club is comprised of women from the Kisor and Johnson plans.

All appointments were in pink and gold. Two sleighs and miniature reindeer centerpieces made by Mrs. Edward Moskala graced the table. A pink and gold angel centered the main table and favors were individual pink balls with the names of each couple inscribed on them. Mrs. Wilbur Harris offered the invocation.

Novel Program

A program followed with Mrs. Fred Owsiany as toastmaster. A surprise feature was a "This Is Your Life" program. It presented the life of Mrs. Joseph DiBuono. Mrs. Rainer Sacchini narrated the story of Mrs. DiBuono's life, and recorded music was played to provide the background for the program.

Joseph DiBuono entertained by showing moving pictures taken of the activities of the club and the various individual families.

Give Prizes

Prizes and awards were then presented. They were won by Mrs. Joseph Feehan, Mrs. Charles Penwick and Louis Gazza.

Club gifts were presented to Mrs. Louis Gazza and the officers, Mrs. Fred Owsiany and Mrs. Thomas Rechichar for their part in making all activities of the club successful.

This was the first holiday event held by the club members and it was planned by Mrs. Edward Moskola, Mrs. Eva Rechichar, Mrs. Fred Owsiany, Mrs. Rainer Sacchini, Mrs. Charles Penwick and Mrs. Wilbur Harris.

One of the biggest selling fruits in America is the coffee bean. The coffee bean is actually a cherry.

Our best wishes to you for a holiday season that is an open door to all good things!

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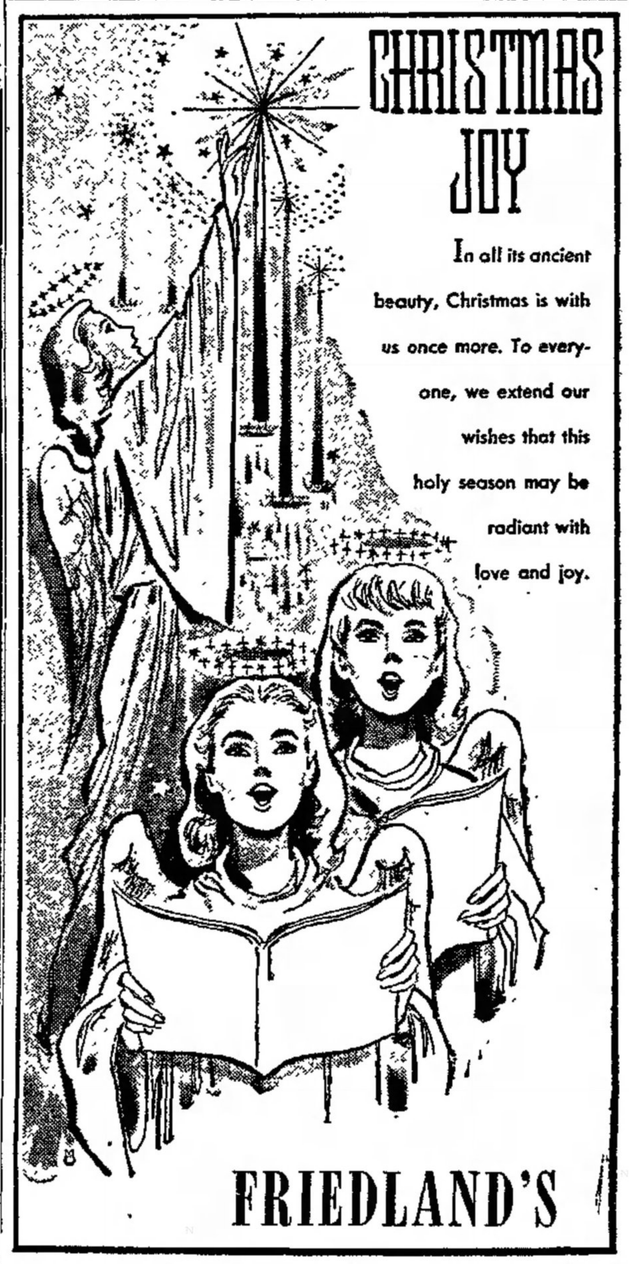
CHRISTMAS JOY
In all its ancient beauty, Christmas is with us once more. To everyone, we extend our wishes that this holy season may be radiant with love and joy.

FRIEDLAND'S

SEASON'S Greetings

To our many friends, we extend our wishes for a Joyous Christmas filled with all the good things in life . . . good health, happiness, peace and prosperity.

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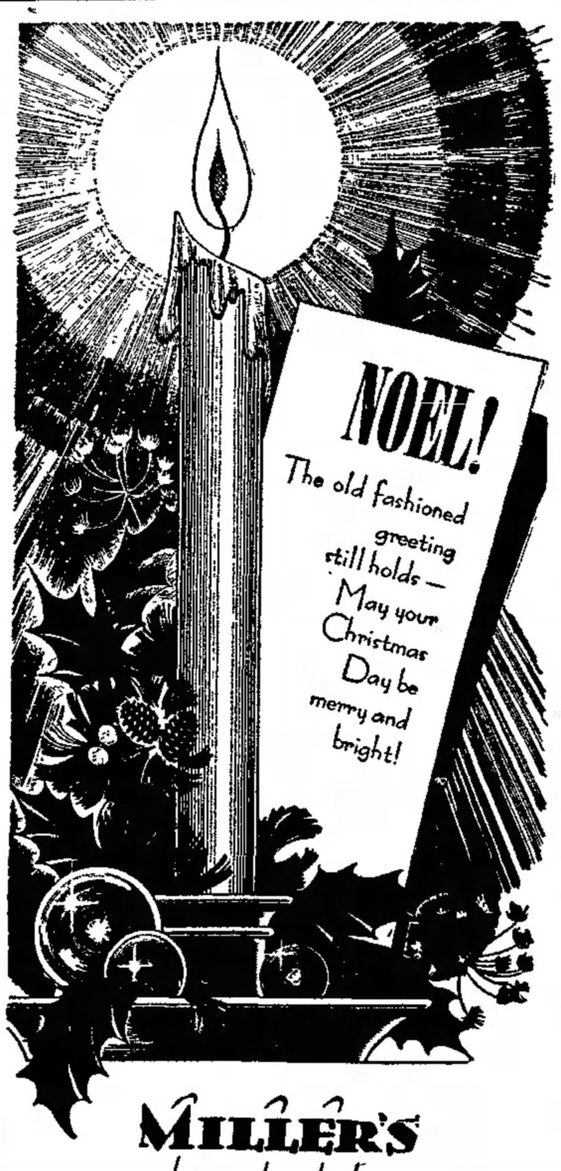
We love the tradition of extending greetings to friends and neighbors at Christmas time. This age-old custom affords us the opportunity to express our gratitude to those we have long been privileged to serve, and to wish everyone a full measure of happiness and contentment throughout the Holiday Season.

PENNEY'S
ALWAYS FIRST QUALITY!

SINCERE Greetings
We send you our sincerest wishes that your heart will rejoice in the bountiful blessings of a Merry Christmas.

GRIBBEN'S



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ON THE BALL

By CLAIR BROWN

Alumni Games Present Problem

Schools planning alumni games for their future basketball schedules would do well to forget the idea so far as WPIAL President Bill Dolde is concerned . . . Main reason for such an opinion by the popular Western Pennsylvania schoolboy sports head centers around some of the alumni players participating in professional sports, especially baseball . . . For instance, on the local scene, Bob Petty would have been a welcome addition to the Alumni squad Monday night but because of Bob's baseball ties with the professional Brooklyn Dodgers he couldn't be permitted to play . . . According to Dolde's interpretation of WPIAL rules a school team competing against a squad of ex-grads which had a pro athlete on its roster, could bring about an eligibility question for the school concerned.

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The valley sports scene suffered quite a loss in the death of Robert (Red) Worrell, the former Centerville High School great . . . The burning sports question in the Mon Valley last year was "Who is the better ball player, Worrell or Charleroi's Myron Pottios? . . . Both sides had terrific arguments to support their claim as to which was the best gridder but the college careers of each was expected to supply the answer . . . Going into their sophomore year's next season (Worrell at Penn State, Pottios at Notre Dame) the two were tied as to accomplishmnts in their frosh seasons, Pottios being tabbed as one of the finest prospects in Irish history, according to no less than head coach Terry Brennan, and Worrell setting records galore as a Nittany Lion freshman backfielder . . . The burning question will now go unanswered . . . What a shame!

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Ex-MVC Champ Now Horseshoe Titlist

John Martak, who holds the honor of having been crowned the first Mon Valley scoring champion back in 1925, is now posting top scores in another sport — horseshoe pitching . . . Martak, now residing in Castro Valley, Calif., recently won a horseshoe tournament there . . . He was undefeated in the tourney and then dropped one match in advanced play . . . He scored 55 points for Donora in 1925 when he won the valley crown . . . Martak annually drops Lou Kichinko, our excellent aide, a Christmas card with bits of info like the above . . . Bill Pentz, former Charleroi star, is getting equal praise from Notre Dame publicity sources along with Myron Pottios for his excellent frosh play this past season, according to the latest Irish football review.

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Latest statistics on the Greyhounds against exhibition foes, exclusive of the Alumni tilt last night, show the first five with the following totals — Joe Kurey with 106, Dick DiBiaso close behind with 97, Charlie Bill next with 66, and George Murin with 31 and Bill Makinen with 20 . . . . DiBiaso has the single game top mark of 23, while Kurey has a one-game top mark of 19 . . . . The Pittsburgh Pirates will report for spring training to Ft. Myers, Fla. on February 25 with training to actually begin the next day or Wednesday, February 26 . . . The exhibit opener is with the Boston Red Sox at Sarasota on March 8.

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Ed Galaski Gets All-State Mention

Ed Galaski, former Monessen High footballer, who played a lot of end for Waynesburg College this past season, was cited by a wire service for an All-State honorable mention berth . . . Monessen's Ken Bronson ranked 17th among WPIAL scorers with his 84 points which captured the Mon Valley Conference (Big Five) title, Larry Hutzell of Somerset won the crown with a 139. Penn State owns two National collegiate all-time football records on defense . . . The unbeaten 1947 team held nine opponents to an average of 17 yards per game along the ground while the 1938 team limited eight opponents to an average of 13.1 yards per game through the air.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ON THE BALL

Detroit Fought 'Uphill' For Division Title

By HARRY WISMER

NEW YORK (UP) — Detroit fought an uphill battle to win the Western Division title in the National Football League. A week ago last Sunday they had to come from behind to beat the Bears and move into a tie for first place with San Francisco 49'ers and force a playoff for section honors. Sunday, before more than 60,000 fans at Kezar Stadium, they stormed back from a 27 to 7 licking to score 24 points in the second half for their greatest victory of the season.

It was a great demonstration of power by the Lions, without the services of Bobby Layne, and the way in which they came from far back has made the odds makers label them even-money favorites for the final against the Cleveland Browns in Detroit next Sunday for the world's title.

Your reporter was one of the few who picked the Lions to win the Western Division honors before the season opened. We also called the Lions in the playoff by a margin of three points. They won by four.

Detroit's Briggs' Stadium was sold out a few hours after the ticket sale for Sunday's game began. Now the Motor City fans have started a clamor to have the game telecast in Detroit and vicinity because it is utterly impossible to get tickets. This TV tumult which began when the National League wouldn't allow the home telecast of the Forty-Niners-Lion playoff last Sunday, will probably be one of the big issues of the league's winter meeting late in January in Philadelphia. Boxing is the only other sport that blocks out home territory.

The rivalry between the Lions and the Browns in championship competition is keen. They've met three times in title games and Detroit has won two. Detroit also handed the Browns one of the two defeats they suffered in league competition this season. There is no love lost between them. This will be the sixth appearance of the Browns in championship play in the NFL in eight years, a phenomenal record. It is the fourth for Detroit in the same length of time.

Alumni Rally Nips MHS Varsity, 42-40

Rostraver in 56 to 39 Win

Shaffer's 16 Points Set Pace

Four Rostraver High players hit in double figures as Coach George Everett's lads downed Monongahela High, 56-39, at the Rostraver Junior High gym last night.

Dick Shaffer led all Leopard scorers with 16 points, Chuck Ahlborn was next with 12 while Rich Carter and Jim Bush showed 11 each.

Bobby Johnson, one-half of the twin combination which sparked Carroll Township Junior High last season, led Monongahela with 10 points. Brother Bill checked in with seven as did Ron Saunders.

A big second period won the game for Rostraver as the Everettmen rallied from a 13-10 first quarter deficit for a 27-18 halftime margin which was added to each of the last quarters.

The same two rivals meet again next Monday night at Monongahela.

Rostraver — 56

Shaffer, f, 7-2-16; Carter, f, 5-1-11; Ahlborn, c, 4-4-12; Bush, g, 5-1-11; Hale, g, 1-0-2; Kuhn, g, 2-0-4. Totals — 24-8-56.

Monongahela — 39

Jenkins, f, 2-0-4; Diaz, f, 1-1-3; R. Saunders, c, 3-1-7; Tragone, g, 2-0-4; W. Johnson, g, 3-1-7; R. Johnson, f, 5-0-10. Totals — 17-5-39.

Rostraver	10	17	13	16—56
Monongahela	13	5	10	11—39

Officials — Hickes, Manown.

Bob Pettit Scores 51 Points, Regains NBA Point Lead

NEW YORK (UP)—Bob Pettit of the St. Louis Hawks, who staged the biggest single-game scoring spree of the National Basketball Association with 51 points Saturday night, took over the league total scoring lead today.

Pettit, who racked up his big score against Syracuse, held a 44-point lead over balding George Yardley of the Detroit Pistons in weekly scoring statistics issued today by the league.

Yardley was held to his season low of 10 points on Sunday night, also against Syracuse, and that cost him the No. 1 spot that he has held for over a month. However, Yardley has played two games less than Pettit and still leads the Hawk in average points, 27.7 per game to 27.3.

Adolph Schayes of Syracuse held third place in total points with 682 and Bill Sharman was fourth with 658. However, on average points they were tied for third at 24.4. Big Clyde Lovellette of Cincinnati was fifth both in total, 655, and average, 23.4.

Browns to Enter Army

MANHASSET, N.Y. (UP)— Jim Brown, rookie fullback for the Cleveland Browns, will enter the Army Jan. 25 at Ft. Benning, Ga., for a special six-month training period and is scheduled to be out of service in time to train for the 1958 National Football League season.

Charleroi, Brownsville Ahead; Chuey Gets 57

Mon Valley Conference (Section 5-A) quintets were able to show only two victories in five exhibition tilts last night.

Charleroi topped New Castle, 62-39, and Brownsville defeated Dunbar, 83-47.

Suffering losses were the Greyhounds by 42-40 to the Alumni, Monongahela by 56-39 to Rostraver, and Bellmar 68-39, to Bethlehem Joint.

Summaries of the games follow:

Charleroi-62 New Castle-39

Charleroi had little trouble posting its sixth win in seven starts defeating New Castle easily, 62-39, at Charleroi last night.

As usual Ollie Payne led the Cougar scoring with 27 points while Jimmy Chacko, the other holdover vet, garnered 10 markers.

The game was fairly close the first half, the Cougars taking a 28-18 margin to the dressing room at the half but "walked away" in the final two quarters.

Bob Byler and Bill Patterson were New Castle's top scorers with 10 and eight points respectively.

Coach Henry Pennline's tall Cougars now move into the Johnstown Holiday Tournament Friday night to defend the title won last season. Other entries this season are Chester, Philadelphia, Overbrook and Portage.

Charleroi — 62

Thiry, f, 3-0-6; Hanchin, f, 3-1-7; Payne, c, 11-5-27; Chacko, 2-6-10; Artis, g, 1-4-6; Coulter, f, 2-0-4; Bitsko, g, 10-0-2. Totals — 23-16-62.

New Castle — 39

Flannery, f, 2-0-4; Patterson, f, 2-4-8; Dennis, c, 1-3-5; Bullano, g, 0-2-2; Donston, g, 0-1-0; Monney, c, 2-3-7; Byler, g, 4-2-10; Williams, f, 1-0-2. Totals — 12-15-39.

Charleroi	17	11	19	15—62
New Castle	7	10	8	13—39

Officials — Babish, Lisi.

Brownsville-83 Dunbar High-47

Brownsville High's Bob Chuey poured 57 points into the hoop to lead the Brownies to an easy 83-47 victory over Dunbar at Brownsville last night.

Chuey connected on 23 buckets and 11 free throws.

Ed Seddon had 12 markers to aide the Brownie aces as the Blue and White five finished with a rush, scoring 34 points in the final quarter.

Tom Hunter with 15 and Tom Fant with 14 led the Dunbar scoring.

Brownsville — 83

Sepsi, f, 0-0-0; Carroll, f, 4-0-8; Chuey, c, 23-11-57; Teringo, g, 2-2-6; Seddon, g, 5-2-12. Totals — 34-15-83.

Dunbar — 47

Soltis, f, 3-1-7; Fant, f, 6-2-14; Hutner, c, 4-7-15; Furin, g, 1-4-6; Skonezney, f, 1-3-5. Totals — 15-17-47.

Brownsville	17	17	15	34—83
Dunbar	8	12	13	14—47

Officials — Russo, Kuvinka.

UNIQUE RECORD

Alone among the nation's major colleges and universities, Penn State has posted 19 consecutive seasons of winning football.

Jayvees Trounce Juniors

Coach Tony Caterino's Monessen High Junior Varsity five rolled to a 58-20 win over the Junior High cagers of Coach Frederic Feldman in the preliminary to the Monessen High varsity-Alumni game last night.

The older, more experienced Jayvees chalked up a 14-0 first quarter lead and at one time in the second quarter led by as much as 27-0 before the Juniors scored.

Such a commanding lead was impossible to overcome but the Feldman five kept plugging away until the final whistle.

Jimmy Lewitsky and John Macik paced the winners with eight points each, Paul Loines and Ken Walters getting seven each. Tony Romasco had five for the best Junior High mark.

Monessen JVs — 58

Paterra, f, 0-1-1; Cullen, f, 2-0-4; Carollo, c, 2-0-4; Payne, g, 2-1-5; Ryan, g, 2-0-4; Melenyzer, f, 1-2-4; Loines, f, 3-1-7; Pastorkovich, c, 2-0-4; Walters, g, 3-1-7; Lewitsky, f, 4-0-8; Macik, f, 4-0-8; Osborne, g, 0-0-0; Allen, g, 1-0-2. Totals — 26-6-58.

Monessen Juniors — 20

Batiste, f, 1-2-4; Caputo, f, 2-0-4; Romasco, c, 1-3-5; Dzurinko, c, 0-3-3; DeGiacomo, g, 1-0-2; Fiorilli, g, 1-0-2. Totals — 6-8-20.

Mon. Jayvees	14	15	13	16—58
Mon. Jr. High	0	4	6	10—20

Officials — Oswiany, Leone.

Bellmar-68 Beth Joint-39

Bellmar surprised a strong Bethlehem Joint quintet for three quarters at Beth Joint's floor last night but fell apart in the final period, to drop a 68-39 decision.

Behind 13-7 at the end of the first quarter, the Hurricanes put on one of their best offensive showings of the season for an 18-17 second quarter and a 31-24 halftime count.

The 'Canes were still in the game at the end of three periods but trailed, 42-31. A 26-8 final stanza settled the issue, however, as the Jointers rolled to a come-back victory after suffering their initial loss to Charleroi Friday night.

Adam Popielarczek scored all points for Beth Joint to pace all scorin followed by mate Steve DoShargots with 18.

John Badock was the top Bellmar point-producer with 10.

Bellmar's next start is as host to West Newton Friday night at Marion.

Bellmar — 39

Badock, f, 3-4-10; Coates, f, 1-1-3; Schmidt, c, 2-0-4; Osborne, g, 2-1-5; Rankin, g, 0-2-2; Halgas, g, 0-2-2; O'Toole, f, 2-1-5; Swiantek, g, 3-0-6; Cranford, f, 1-0-2. Totals 14-11-39.

Bethlehem Joint — 68

Elashway, f, 0-1-1; Popielarczyk, f, 10-3-23; Sonsak, c, 3-4-10; Shargots, g, 8-2-18; Simon, g, 4-2-10; Juracko, f, 1-0-2; Cecchini, g, 0-2-2; Woods, f, 1-0-2. Totals — 27-14-68.

Bellmar	7	17	7	8—39
Beth Joint	13	18	11	26—68

Sports Car Club Elects Officers

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (UP)—Dr. Stanley M. Murman, Connellsville, has been installed as president of the Blue Ridge Mountain Sports Car Club, succeeding Lester B. Cohen, Uniontown.

W. J. Hahn, Scottdale, was installed as vice president; Mary Frances Myers, Connellsville, secretary, and Albert A. Coffman, Uniontown, treasurer.

Brownie Cager Gets 57 Points

BROWNSVILLE, Pa. (UP)—Bob Chuey, a senior center at Brownsville High, scored 57 points here Monday night as his team downed Dunbar, 83-47. Chuey dumped in 23 field goals and 11 fouls.

VARSITY LINE-UPS

Monessen — 40

Kurey, f, 4-7-15; Makinen, f, 2-2-6; DiBiaso, c, 4-0-8; Bill, g, 3-1-7; Murin, g, 0-2-2; Barton, g, 1-0-2; Karbowsky, f, 0-0-0; Loines, f, 0-0-0. Totals — 14-12-40.

Alumni — 42

Cipriani, f, 6-2-14; Crawley, f, 3-1-7; Stunda, c, 1-0-2; Brown, g, 1-0-2; A. Crisi, g, 3-1-7; F. Crisi, f, 2-3-7; Lattanzio, g, 1-1-3.

Missed fouls — MHS — 5: Kurey 1, DiBiaso, 2, Bill 1, Murin 1; Alumni — 9: Cipriani — 1; Crawley 4, Stunda 2, A. Crisi 1, F. Crisi 1.

MHS	11	12	8	9—40
Alumni	8	7	5	22—42

Officials — Salotti, Parkinson.

Bellmar Jayvees Win Sixth Tilt

Coach Jim Hoffman's Bellmar Jayvees kept their victory string intact last night with a 44-36 win over the Bethlehem Joint Junior Varsity.

The victory was the sixth without a loss for the Hurricane reserves.

Len Bednar checked in with 13 points to pace the winners while Dick Caputo and Tom Scanlon tallied 10 each.

'Old Grads' Score 17 Points in Final Two Minutes of Play

Coach Frank Janosik of the Monessen High Greyhound cagers was wondering today whether his varsity quintet had its usual "bad" fourth quarter or whether the alumni waited to open up in a 42-40 win for the MHS graduates before 800 fans here last night.

The varsity took an 11-8 first quarter lead, increased it to 23-15 at the half and had a 31-20 margin at the end of three quarters, appearing to have the game clinched.

When Joe Kurey hit with a bucket just as the fourth quarter started for a 33-20 margin the 1957-58 Greyhound cage edition seemed on its way to an easy win when suddenly it happened.

Wayne Cipriani, now of LaFayette College and Frank Crisi hit on successive buckets for a 33-24 score and after Dick DiBiaso jumped it back to 35-24 for the varsity, with a little over two minutes to play Crisi, Felton Brown (Westminster), Cipriani and Carl Crawley (Dayton U.) cut the lead to 35-31.

A free throw by Kurey put the count at 36-31 but Tony Crisi, made it 36-33, Bill Makinen regaining the five point margin at 38-33 but there was no stopping the "red-hot" grads.

Take Lead First Time

Ernie Lattanzio (Waynesburg College), Cipriani, and Crisi hit in rapid succession on a field goal and four straight free throws to take the lead, for the first time in the game, 41-38.

Kurey cut it to 41-40 on two foul tries with the final count going up just before the game ended as Cipriani, the outstanding Alumni performer, netted a foul shot for a 42-40 victory.

The Alumni scored 22 points in the final quarter, 17 in that final two minutes to give life to a game which had lacked excitement throughout most of the contest.

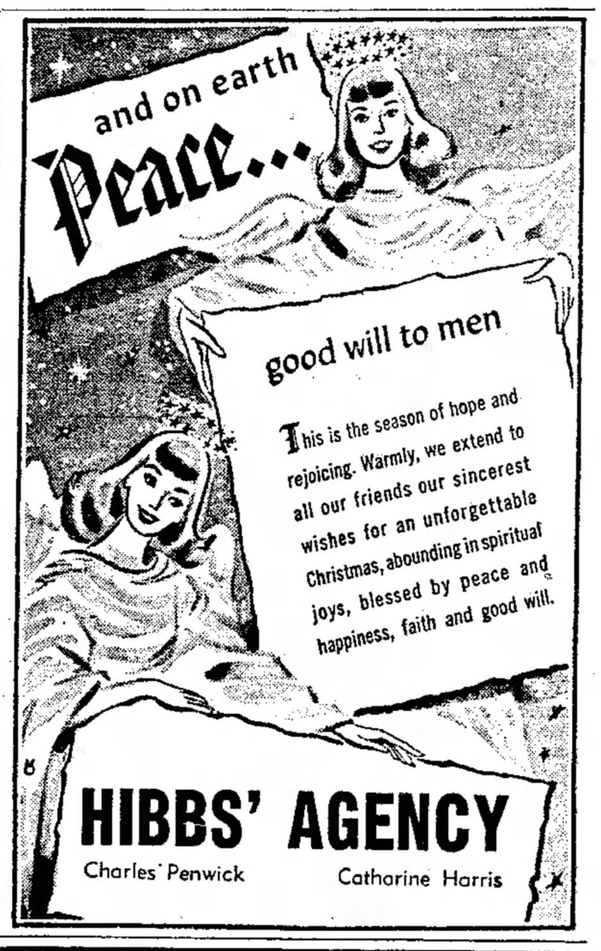
All of the former Monessen High cagers seemed in perfect condition and appeared stronger near the end of the game.

Ron Minnie, former Monessen High All-Valley hoopster, now starring for Westminster College, coached the Alumni quint, after being informed his scholarship would not permit him to participate in the game.

Next start for the varsity is in the Movie Club tourney Friday and Saturday nights, the 'Hounds battling Turtle Creek Friday at 9:00 o'clock, following the Clairton-Altoona game at 7:30 which opens the tourney.

NINE ALL-AMERICANS

Penn State's football all-Americans number nine, including former coaches Bob Higgins and Joe Bednek.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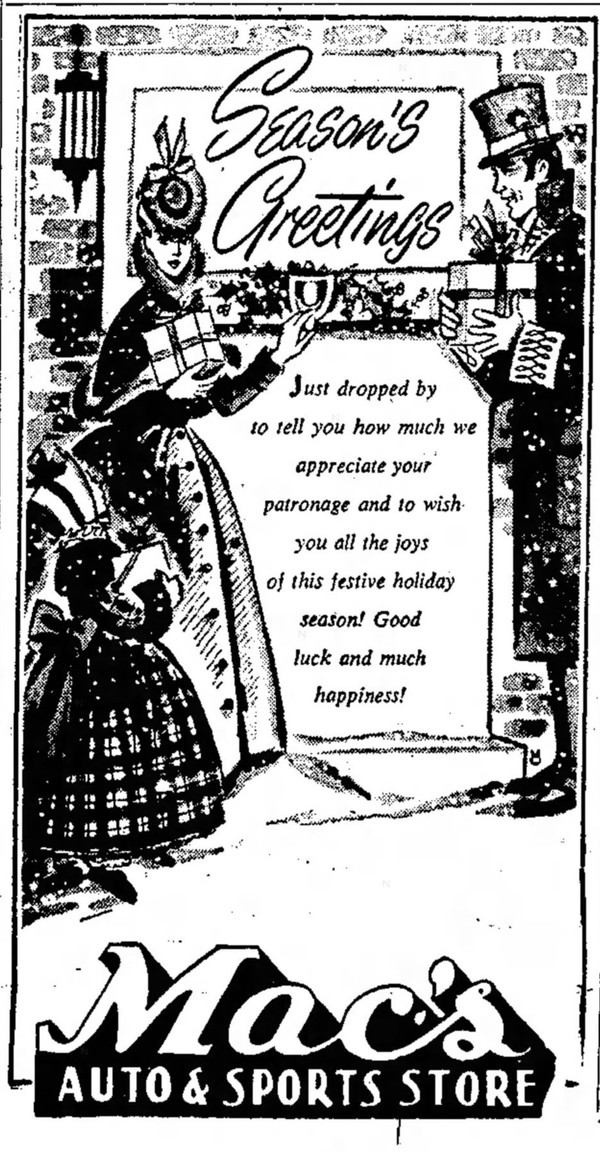
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Kansas, Kansas State Take Over Top Cage Poll Spots

By NORMAN MILLER

NEW YORK (UP)— Kansas and Kansas State took over the 1-2 spots in the United Press college basketball ratings today and West Virginia hauled all the way to No. 3 on the strength of the upset which snapped North Carolina's 37-game winning streak.

North Carolina, the defending national champion, dropped from first to fourth place amid the shakeup produced by the first round of holiday tournaments.

The voting by the 35 leading coaches who comprise the United Press Ratings Board was so scattered that seven teams received first-place votes and the first four teams were separated by only 44 points.

Nineteen of the coaches voted for Kansas, which extended its record to 7-0 last weekend. Five picked Kansas State, also with a 7-0 record; three each made West Virginia and seventh-ranked Cincinnati their No. 1 choice; two each voted for North Carolina and sixth-ranked Michigan State; and one cast his ballot for fifth-ranked San Francisco.

Mountaineers Among Elite

Bradley (3-1), Maryland (5-0) and Utah (6-0) occupied the last three ratings among the top 10 teams. West Virginia (8-0), Bradley and Utah were this week's newcomers in the select group. West Virginia, 75-64 conqueror of North Carolina in the Kentucky Invitational Tournament final, advanced all the way from 14th to third place; Bradley advanced from 11th to eighth and Utah from 15th to 10th.

Kentucky, Seattle and UCLA dropped out of the top 10 group.

The coaches based their ratings on games played through Saturday night, Dec. 21.

In points (distributed on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis for votes from first to 10th places), Kansas led with 290 out of a possible 350; Kansas State had 258, West Virginia 254 and North Carolina 246. Behind them came San Francisco with 202; Michigan State, 178; Cincinnati, 150; Bradley, 66; Maryland, 65; and Utah, 36.

Kentucky headed the second 10 group, followed in order by Temple, Seattle, Iowa State, Oklahoma State, St. Louis, Oregon State, Illinois and St. John's of New York. There was a three-team tie for 20th place among Wichita, Louisville and Yale.

Tourneys Pose Shakeup

Another big shakeup in the ratings appears inevitable for next week following several major holiday tournaments. Kansas and Kansas State are involved in the Big Eight Tournament at Kansas City and if each wins its first two games, will clash in the final next Monday night.

North Carolina defends its Dixie Classic championship against a strong field in Raleigh, N.C.; San Francisco plays in the All-College Tournament at Oklahoma City; Maryland is in the Sugar Bowl Tournament at New Orleans; and Utah in the Far West Tournament at Corvallis, Ore.

Bob Zuppke Laid To Rest Today

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (UP)— A host of the great from Midwest football paid final tribute today to Robert C. (Bob) Zuppke, University of Illinois gridiron immortal.

Funeral services were scheduled today at 12 noon, e.s.t.

In accordance with his wishes, Zuppke's body will be cremated following today's funeral services. His widow asked that floral tributes be omitted and charity contributions made instead.

Zuppke, nicknamed the "Little Dutchman" by those who respected his football judgment and admired his warmth, coached Illini teams for 29 years. They earned a .621 mark with a 131-81 won-lost record during the years 1913-1941.

Football greats of the past and present gathered here Monday as Zuppke's body rested in a casket draped with a blanket of blue flowers and a huge orange "I".

Lehigh Awaits Nolan

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (UP) — The Lehigh basketball team is eagerly awaiting the return of Dan Nolan from the Dec. 28 Blue-Gray football game at Montgomery, Ala. Nolan, the quarterback for the Blue team, is the leading rebounder on Lehigh's basketball team.

Tibbs Assured of Merry Christmas; Decisions Perez

NEW YORK (UP)— "It'll be the merriest Christmas I ever had," said lightweight Tommy Tibbs, the former shoeshine boy who unexpectedly blossomed into a red hot ring attraction this year and outpointed Lulu Perez impressively Monday night.

"Yes, tomorrow will be a very happy Christmas for me and my wife and three kids," said Boston Tommy, "because Monday night's win over Perez finished a great year for me and probably made me a title contender."

Tommy's lopsided decision over flashy Perez of Brooklyn in their TV fight at St. Nicholas Arena was his 10th victory in 12 (157) fights that included one draw.

Those 10 wins and the rapid-fire body attack that achieved them made promoters forget his woefully spotty record of the past. Now he has practically evened his won and lost score. He has 42 wins and 43 defeats; also three draws. And he is only 23.

Tibbs, lightweight champion of New England, weighed 132 pounds to Perez' 133 as he gave the former featherweight challenger a severe body beating before 1,007 at St. Nick's.

Michigan State May 'Walk Away' In Big Ten Race

By UNITED PRESS

Can Michigan State turn the usually-wide-open Big Ten basketball race into a "walkover" this season?

The experts say no but the Spartans' early-season record suggests that the answer may be yes. They've reeled off five straight victories, including Monday night's 57-51 conquest of Iowa State at Ames, Iowa, and are the only Big Ten team unbeaten in pre-conference competition.

Indiana and Ohio State were rated Michigan State's chief conference challengers but they've won one game between 'em so far. Indiana lost to 17th-ranked Oregon State, 62-51, for its fourth defeat in five games Monday night while Ohio State bowed to Oklahoma, 64-55, for its fifth straight setback.

Eighth-ranked Bradley whipped St. Mary's (Calif.), 77-61. 10th-ranked Utah beat Washington State, 70-48. 11th-ranked Kentucky downed Utah State, 92-64, and 16th-ranked St. Louis defeated Washington, 89-63, in other games involving top-rated teams.

Michigan State, rated No. 6 by the United Press Board of Coaches, trailed Iowa State, 30-28, at halftime and went into overtime when Don Medsker's free throw as the final buzzer sounded rolled off the rim.

Jack Quiggle, who led the Spartans with 19 points, hit for two field goals in the overtime session to clinch the game. Ron Baukol, a reserve guard, scored 18 to lead Iowa State.

Pirates Name Osborne For Farm Hurlers

PITTSBURGH (UP)—Don Osborne, 48, veteran minor league manager, has been named the Pittsburgh Pirates' farm club representative to handle pitchers.

Osborne, manager of the Miami Marlins for the past two seasons, replaced Bill Burwell who moved up as coach for Pirate Manager Danny Murtaugh.

FULL-TIME JOB

Nick Thiel, former Lacrosse coach, now devotes full time to direction of the required physical education program at Penn State.

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UP College Floor Ratings

NEW YORK (UP)— The United Press college basketball ratings (first-place votes and won-lost records through Dec. 21 in parenthesis):

Team	Points
1. Kansas (19) (7-0)	290
2. Kansas State (5) (7-0)	258
3. West Virginia (3) (8-0)	254
4. North Carolina (2) (5-1)	
5. San Francisco (1) (6-1)	202
6. Michigan State (2) (4-0)	178
7. Cincinnati (3) (6-0)	150
8. Bradley (3-1)	95
9. Maryland (5-0)	65
10. Utah (6-0)	36

Second 10 Group: 11, Kentucky, 29; 12, Temple, 24; 13, Seattle, 23; 14, Iowa State, 17; 15, Oklahoma State, 15; 16, St. Louis, 12; 17, Oregon State, 10; 18, Illinois, 8; 19, St. John's (N.Y.), 5; 20 (tie), Louisville, Wichita and Yale, 4 each.

Others: Texas Christian, UCLA, Evansville, Western Kentucky and Mississippi State, 3 each; Notre Dame, Niagara, North Carolina State and Rice, 2 each; Purdue and Colorado State, 1 each.

Where Are They Now?

By United Press

HARRY KIPKE

Harry Kipke, a great football player at Michigan under Fielding Yost, took over as head coach himself in 1929 and soon restored Michigan to the heights. The square-jawed conservative taught fundamental football which he described in a famous phrase as "a punt, a pass and a prayer" but which actually was far more than that. In his second season, the Wolverines were unbeaten but tied once. In his fourth year, they were unbeaten, making his record over one three-year span a total of 24 victories, only one defeat and two ties. The fortune swung the other way, as it often does, and by 1938 he was through.

Whatever happened to Harry Kipke? Today he is out of football entirely and is president of the Chicago Coca Cola Co.

By UNITED PRESS

College Basketball Results

South

Kentucky 92 Utah State 64
Loyola (La.) 94 Louisiana St. 62
Vanderbilt 73 New Mex. A&M 59

Midwest

Oregon State 62 Indiana 51
St. Louis 89 Washington 63
Bradley 77 St. Marys (Calif.) 61
Michigan St. 57 Iowa St. 51 (o.t.)

Southwest

Oklahoma 64 Ohio State 55

West

Montana 75 Montana State 66
Utah 70 Washington State 48
Oregon 79 Brigham Young 76
Colorado 61 Stanford 58

Scholastic Basketball Results

Alumni 46 Oakmont 37
Alumni 42 Monessen 40
Brownsville 83 Dunbar 47
Bethlehem Jt. 68 Bellmar 39
Charleroi 62 New Castle 39
Franklin Twp. 55 Washington T. 47
Ford City 66 Aliquippa 28
McKeesport 61 Alumni 58
Monessen JV 58 Monessen Jrs. 20
N. Catholic 74 Har Brack 46
Pitcairn 55 Verona 47
Rostraver 56 Monongahela 39
Wilkinsburg 51 Hempfield 43

Close Bowl Scores

DALLAS, Tex. (UP)—With Navy and Rice preparing for their Jan. 1 football game in Dallas, it's interesting to note that in the 21 previous Cotton Bowl contests, there's a difference of only 1.6 points between the average scores of the host and visiting teams.

Jimmy Brown Named NFL's Top Rookie For 1957 by UP

NEW YORK (UP)—Jim Brown, Cleveland Browns fullback who prefers to let his performances tell the story, today was named the National Football League's outstanding 1957 rookie in the annual United Press poll.

Brown's 942 rushing yards gave him the league ball-carrying championship by 242 yards. He finished even farther ahead of his rivals in the voting for rookie honors.

The former Syracuse All-America player received 28 of the 32 votes cast by sports writers who covered the campaign in the 11 league cities. Don Bosseler, Washington Redskins fullback, was a distant second with two votes. Jim Podoley, Washington halfback, and R. C. Owens, end and halfback for the San Francisco Forty-Niners, split the other two votes.

Broke Colts' Monopoly

Brown snapped a two-year Baltimore Colt grip on the rookie award. Lenny Moore of the Colts led the 1957 voting after Alan Ameche of the Colts won in 1955.

Coach Paul Brown was able to grab Jim in the NL draft because Cleveland had the only losing season in its history in 1956.

Enroute to the ball-carrying championship, Brown set an all-time league rushing mark for a single game when he gained 237 yards against the Los Angeles Rams Nov. 24.

Brown scored four of the 10 touchdowns he made this year in that game. One of his runs against the Rams covered 69 yards and was the longest scoring run from scrimmage made in the NFL this year. He also was the team's top pass receiver in the game with three catches for 21 yards as the Browns rallied to win, 45-31.

Jim also played a vital part in Cleveland's 6-3 "no touchdown" victory over New York in the season opener. The Giants were the defending league and Eastern Division champions and never quite recovered from that defeat.

Brown, a native of Manhasset, N.Y., is only 21. Still a "growing boy," he is six feet, two inches tall and weighs 230 pounds.

Dick Groat DD Winner Again

PITTSBURGH (UP)—Pittsburgh Pirate shortstop Dick Groat today was named winner of the Dapper Dan Club's award as the sports figure who did the most to publicize the Pittsburgh district.

It marked the second year in succession that Groat has been voted the award. He received 16 votes to nose out Pittsburgh Steeler Coach Buddy Parker.

Merry Christmas
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Today's Sports Parade—

NIT Country Teams Get Big City Blues

By OSCAR FRALEY

NEW YORK (UP) — Seattle, Dayton and California had the big city blues today as they stepped fearfully into Madison Square Garden to prep for the Holiday Basketball Festival.

"It's an old, old story to the teams from out in the country. They get one look at the vastness of Madison Square Garden and sure-fire All-Americans from the other side of the Alleghenies develop two hands full of thumbs.

Then, too, there's that confounded brand of eastern basketball which is patterned after professional play.

A Sure All-America

Before you credit this to New York provincialism, listen to Johnny Castellani of Seattle. The little man from the Pacific Northwest has a sure-pop All-America in big Elgin Baylor but even so he isn't expecting any belated Christmas gifts when the shooting starts on Thursday.

"They play a different type of basketball here," Johnny, a former Notre Dame assistant, complained as he looked forward to facing a field which includes such pro-type teams as Pitt, Temple, NYU, Manhattan and Connecticut.

"In the east they use the give-and-go a great deal," he added. "Out in the west we don't meet this type of offense, so why should I stress defense against it when we only see it a couple of times a year?"

Basketball beyond the east is almost exclusively the fast break plus a pattern-type attack. Eastern coaches sneer at some of these offenses and prefer the fast-breaking improvisation plus the give-and-go pickoff which the kids absorb from the pros.

One Reason for Loss

This was one of the reasons why St. Bonaventure was able to beat Seattle — and Elgin Baylor — in the National Invitation Tournament last season. The six-foot, six-inch Seattle star sobbed afterwards that it was one of his poorest performances.

This is not to insinuate that Seattle, California, Dayton — and other teams from the great beyond — don't play fine, fast basketball. Nor that they don't have players as good, or better, than the players in the east.

Baylor certainly is one of the best in the country, a player who, it has been said by rivals, lives up to every drop of ink the Seattle publicity man uses on him. He is rugged on defense, where he led the nation with 553 rebounds last season, and offensively was third with a 29.7 point per game average.

"He's the best all-around college player I've ever seen," Castellani says of the 22-year-old, 225-pound junior from Washington, D.C. "But last year when we came in here to the Garden he was just a great big bundle of nerves."

That's the way it affects all of them when they finally get to the Garden. And, when they have to face that unknown give-and-go on top of it, the job sometimes is just too much. Which is why the western coaches aren't making any claims before the opening whistle.

Willie Marshall Top AHL Scorer

NEW YORK (UP)—Willie Marshall of Hershey scored six points in two games last week to regain the American Hockey League leadership in all three offensive departments.

According to official league statistics released today, Marshall now has 21 goals and 30 assists for a total of 51 points. Trailing the 25-year-old scoring star are Dunc Fisher, also of the Bears, and rookie Bill Sweeney of Providence, each with 41 points. Fisher, a linemate of Marshall, had five points last week while Sweeney was held to two.

Rouding out the top five scorers are Fred Glover and Jimmy Moore, both of the Cleveland Barons, with 37 and 36 points.

Eddie Shack of Providence was penalized six minutes in two games last week to increase his league-leading total to 88.

Johnny Bower of the Barons allowed just one goal in a single game last week to lower his goal-tending average to 2.10.

Duke to Employ Extra Effort, Conditioning

By WILLIAM A. SHIRES

DURHAM, N.C. (UP)— Duke, taking a leaf from Notre Dame's notebook, figures its success in the Orange Bowl against Oklahoma depends upon effort extraordinary, plus conditioning.

Coach Bill Murray believes his squad will be mentally prepared for a maximum effort. The Blue Devils usually have fared well against major opponents during Murray's coaching reign.

Conditioning has been stressed in Duke preparations for the New Year's Day game. And it has been costly in the way of injuries.

Rugged Practice Brings Injuries

Murray admits trouble in keeping his first three units intact because of injuries in rugged practices. A major blow was the loss of guard Phil Scudieri, playing on the No. 1 unit in place of ailing All-Conference guard Ray Hord. During the regular season Duke lost second-unit Carol Jamison.

Tackle Tom Topping, another All-Conference player, returned to practice Thursday for the first time since the Clemson game in November.

Injuries hit as many as five at football."

starters, but all except Scudieri are expected to be ready.

Sunshine Drills Friday

Duke begins practice in the sunshine at Miami Friday and Murray's plans are to keep the accent on conditioning right up until game time. Against Oklahoma's speed, Murray figures it's essential to alternate fresh units frequently and hopes to have three units of almost equal strength.

"We must count on our players being at a peak of conditioning, Murray explained. He concedes Oklahoma has an edge in team speed.

Duke is known as a team that features raw power — a team of brawn which likes to beat down an opponent by brute strength. Murray contends that Notre Dame beat Oklahoma "just by knocking them down," and he adds, "that's the way you have to do it."

What, if any, innovations for the Blue Devils' split-T have been installed during practice is something which Murray declines to disclose. There are reports of some new plays. Murray does say Oklahoma "has less variety than we do" and they "just beat you

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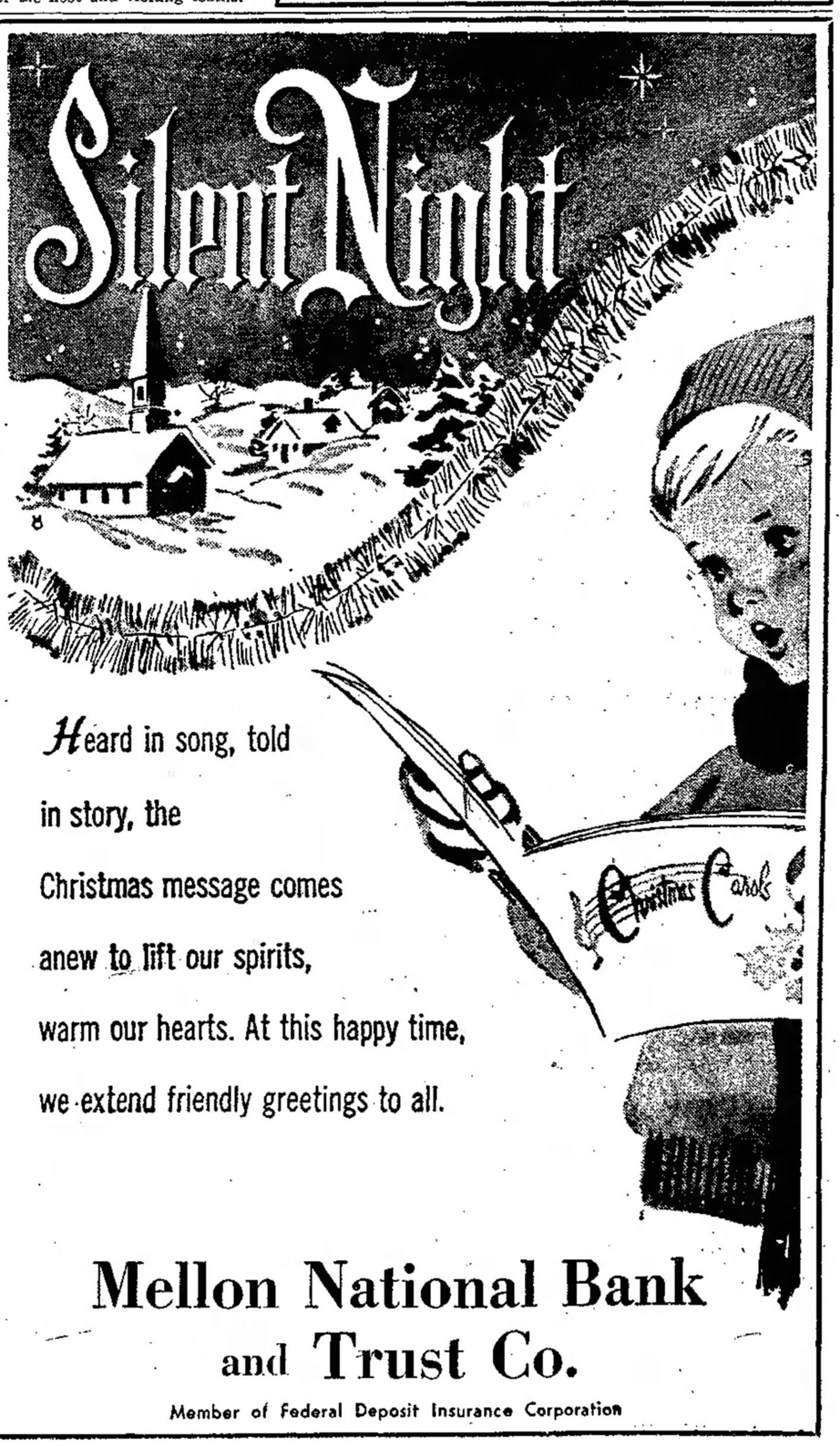

Heard in song, told in story, the Christmas message comes anew to lift our spirits, warm our hearts. At this happy time, we extend friendly greetings to all.

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Brightest holiday greetings to all

For everyone, we wish a Christmas Season glowing with good cheer, enduring friendships and cherished memories.

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The Little Town of Bethlehem Celebrates Jesus Christ's Birth

By WILBUR LANDREY

BETHLEHEM (UP) — This little town of Bethlehem prepared again today to celebrate the birth of Christ. But refugees of the Palestine war camping miserably in the surrounding hills and crowding the city's streets were evidence there is no sure peace in the Holy Land.

This is the most peaceful Christmas season since 1954 for Bethlehem and Jordan — except for the refugees.

Thirty thousand who left what is now Israel crowded Bethlehem and the hills around it. In town they outnumber the original 6,000 inhabitants.

For nine years the majority have lived in idleness and poverty, and they do not forget.

Christian refugees settled in the town, which has been predominantly Christian since the days of the 12th Century crusade in the Holy Land.

Some, like Syrian Catholic gardener Abdelahad Jabera George, live with large families in one clean room. His salary is 15 dollars. Food and other necessities leave little spare cash to buy presents for his six children.

Few Better Off

Few are better off. Many have no jobs at all.

Thousands of Moslems, once small farmers and peasants, are camped in huts, tents and even packing cases on the rocky sides of the Judean hills, which ooze with cold winter mud.

Their daily idleness and misery reflects the majority of a half-million refugees who were driven into Jordan by the Palestine war. They have little else to do but dream of going "home," to Israel.

For them there is no peace in the Holy Land.

Bethlehem is celebrating the first of its three annual Christmases, that of the Western churches.

The Greek Orthodox Church observes Christmas according to Georgian Calendar, on Jan. 7, and the Armenians on Jan. 19.

For the first time since 1954, the Holy Land was quiet this year, although soldiers from Jordan and Israel faced each other across the border a few miles away.

Pilgrims came as before to worship in the grotto where Christ was born and laid in the manger, the holiest spot of Christendom.

Basilica Nearby

Over it stands the great Basilica of the Nativity, built in its present form under the Eastern Emperor Justinian in the Sixth Century.

In the troubled past of the Holy Land its great doors were blocked with stones to keep out Bedouins and their camels. For centuries kings and pilgrims alike have stooped to enter through the low entrance cut into the stone.

The rich mosaics of Justinian and the Crusaders have been stripped away with the centuries, leaving bare stone walls and wooden beams.

After centuries of religious controversy, the Greek Orthodox Church shares the basilica with the Armenians, while Roman Catholics celebrate midnight Mass in their own church adjoining.

SALLY'S SALLIES

"It's nice, Newtie love, but is it just a Christmas present?"

Alf Gets Goal

GRIMSBY, England (UP)—Fuel distribution officials gave Alfred "honest Alf" Danford, an 80-year-old pensioner, a couple of sacks of coal today as a reward. Honest Alf walked a mile to a police station to report that a trucker unloaded a half ton of scarce, rationed coal on his front lawn in error.

Prayerfully, joyfully, we greet
Christmas. May the Christ Child's
message of love and hope
gladden your heart and enrich your life.
Merry Christmas

Janosik's Pharmacy

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Business Tax Break Becomes Law Jan. 1

HARRISBURG (UP)—A handful of legislation becomes law next Jan. 1, including measures to grant tax relief to business, boost motorists' financial responsibility and compulsory retirement for state policemen.

Some of the legislation was passed by the 1957 Legislature, while others go on the statute books because the lawmakers decided against further postponement.

The long sought exemption for manufacturers from the five mill capital stock tax goes into effect as a "tax break" for business. Both major political parties and the administration agreed the $41,500,000 revenue producer was a "deterrent," keeping new business out of Pennsylvania.

Allegheny County's machinery tax also starts off the statutes on a sliding scale, dropping 20 per cent during 1958 and ending completely in 1963. Previous Legislatures removed the tax in the state's 66 other counties and Pittsburgh.

Action of the 1955 Legislature takes effect next year when uniform real estate assessments go into operation in the 59 fourth through eighth class counties. The Internal Affairs Department said only 22 counties had reported their systems ready for the deadline. Seventeen apparently have not started, and the remainder plan to complete the system by 1960.

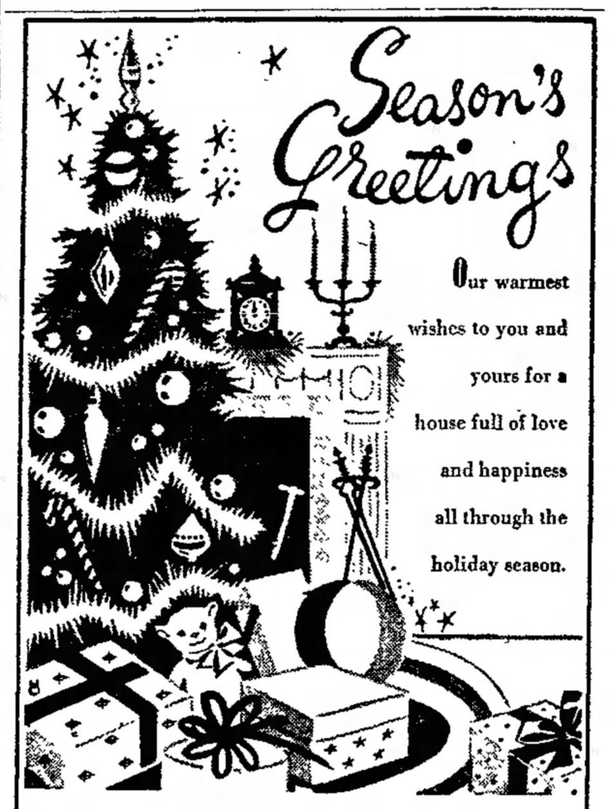
Responsibility Increased

Motorists' financial responsibility jumps to $10,000 for accidents where one person is injured or killed; $20,000 where two or more persons are injured or killed and to $5,000 for property damage. Currently financial responsibility is set at $5,000, $10,000 and $1,000, in those categories.

Police pensions and retirements also undergo some changes. State police will be forced to retire at age 60 if they have 20 years service, or after the age limit when they have 20 years on the force. Third class city policemen may retire at age 50 if they have 20 years continuous service.

The lawmakers also extended pension plans to smaller communities, authorizing them to set up retirement plans for police forces of three men rather than the previous manpower requirement of eight. Service years were cut back to 20 from 25 and the minimum age set at 60 years.

Other measures extend sick leave for firemen in the 47 third class cities from 14 to 21 days turn over numerous local streets and roads to the state and provide regulations for commercial poisons.



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Sad Story of Turkey Who Had no Father

WASHINGTON (UP)— This is the sad story of Graydon, the turkey who never had a father. He is dead, the victim of foul play.

With him has died for at least a year the hopes of government scientist Marlow W. Olsen of learning whether a featherless turkey can become a father.

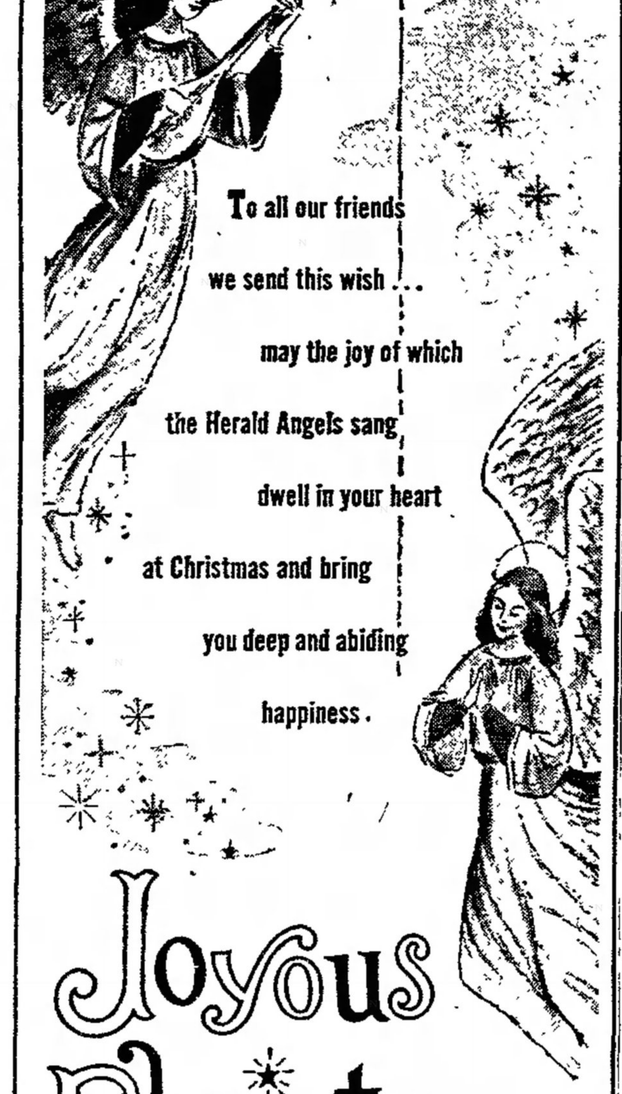
Graydon was the only living proof of Olsen's discovery — announced to an incredulous world in 1954 — that it is possible for a turkey to be born without a father.

Parthenogenesis, the spontaneous development of embryos from unfertilized eggs, was known previously to occur in lower forms of life. Olsen was the first to discover it in turkeys.

Since then Olsen has produced more than a score of fatherless turkeys by testing more than 28,000 eggs laid by turkey hens which were kept carefully segregated from turkey toms.

Graydon was the sole survivor of these experiments. He was the only fatherless turkey to live more than 22 days.

Under Olsen's tender care Graydon survived for 254 days when death unexpectedly struck on Friday, Dec. 13. He was killed by two hunting dogs as he wandered about the back yard of Olsen's home adjacent to the Agriculture Department's research center in nearby Beltsville, Md.



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Greetings

As the carolers sing out their message of Christmas joy, we wish for you a holiday season, bright with hope, rich in love, and abounding in good health, good will and good fellowship.

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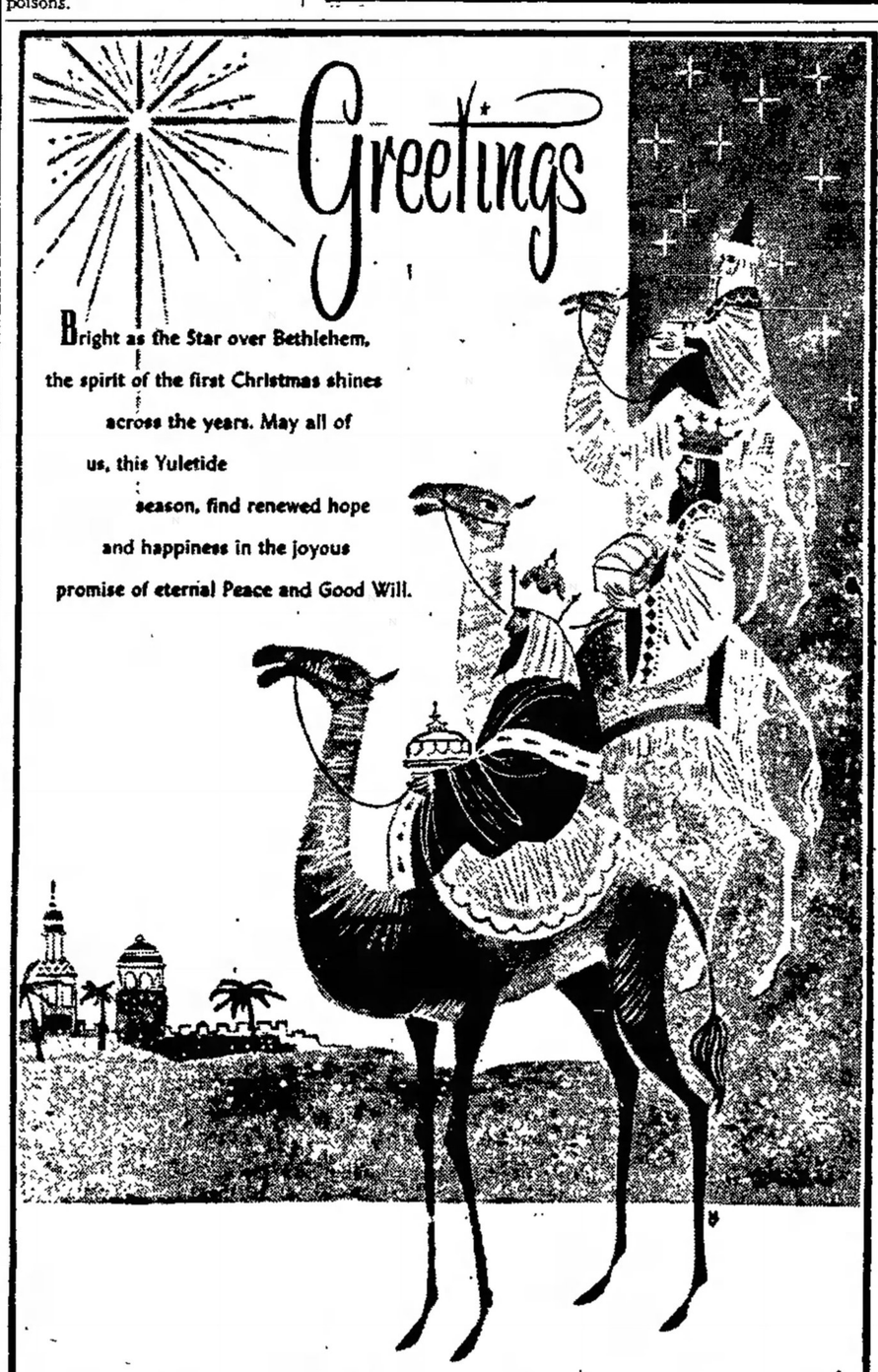
Greetings
Bright as the Star over Bethlehem,
the spirit of the first Christmas shines
across the years. May all of
us, this Yuletide
season, find renewed hope
and happiness in the joyous
promise of eternal Peace and Good Will.

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Patient Approach to Desegregation Problem

WASHINGTON (UP)—The new chairman of the Civil Rights Commission established a theme today of a patient, "good-will" approach to the long-standing problem of racial desegregation in America.

Dr. John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State University with a firm record of backing integration in the academic and military life, was named by President Eisenhower Monday to succeed former Supreme Court Justice Stanley F. Reed as commission chairman.

Hannah, who has been serving as commission vice-chairman, disclosed he will meet with the President and commission members here Jan. 3 to launch the new group's work.

The President also named former Florida Gov. Doyle E. Carlton, identified with southern moderates on the segregation issue, to fill the vacancy caused when Reed resigned for fear of a conflict with his past and present judicial role.

Carlton's appointment completes the six-member commission created by Congress this year to investigate alleged violation of Negro voting rights and other civil rights problems. The commission has not yet held its first meeting. Its members must eventually secure Senate confirmation but need not await it to begin their work.

Hannah, reached at his home at East Lansing, Mich., said the problem facing the commission is "as important as any confronting the American people today."

"Wise men have struggled with it for decades and I have no illusions that this commission will be able to produce the final solution in a few months," he told the United Press.

"However," he said, "I approach this task with the attitude that men of good will should be able to make some useful contribution in the national interest. More than that I cannot say pending the first meeting with the President and my colleagues on Jan. 3."

Civil rights backers in the federal government enthusiastically hailed Hannah's elevation to the chairmanship as a "positive contribution" to prospects of civil rights advances."

FIRST CHRISTMAS HERE — Francis Kolikias, pretty 20-year-old native of Greece, arrived in Monessen over the weekend in time to spend Christmas with her adopted parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kolikias, 900 Schoonmaker Ave. Frances was adopted legally three years ago, but was unable to enter the country until this week. In the meantime, she studied English in Greece and was able to read a copy of The Daily Independent upon her arrival here.

Merry Christmas at The Kolikias Home

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kolikias, 900 Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen, will spend their first Christmas with a daughter they adopted three years ago.

The "adopted" daughter is Miss Frances Kolikias, a pretty 20-year-old native of Greece who arrived in this country over the weekend.

"We adopted Frances, who was formerly our niece, over three years ago," Mr. Kolikias explained. "Because of many restrictions on immigrants we were unable to bring her to this country until the past weekend."

Frances already knows how to read and write English. She can also make herself understood.

"When I was adopted, I started to take lessons in English," she said. "I can read and write fairly good, but it's a little different when you try to speak the language."

The Kolikias' daughter is, from the island of Chios. She expressed some sadness over leaving her family, but she added that she was happy already in her new country.

"We want to thank the late Congressman Augustine B. Kelley and city officials for helping us bring Frances to this country," said Kolikias. "It was a nice Christmas present."

Barrier of Hate Lifts In the Holy Land

BETHLEHEM, Jordan (UP)—The barrier of hate dividing the Holy Land lifted at dawn today in Jerusalem and Christian pilgrims embarked on the road to Bethlehem — the birthplace of the Prince of Peace.

Israeli and Jordanian border guards obeyed orders to stand aside for 36 hours to let Christians from Israel and other parts of the world pass through the Mandelbaum Gate.

About 1,700 were expected to cross no man's land into Jordan.

Roman Catholic patriarch Alberto Gori headed the traditional procession of the clergy from Jerusalem to Bethlehem (at 5 a.m. e.s.t.) to begin services beneath the Church of the Nativity, in the cavern where Christ was born.

The route of the procession wound from the Mandelbaum Gate down the Valley of Cedron, past the Garden of Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives and then along the winding road to Bethlehem.

It was watched by shepherds who guarded their flocks today much as shepherds did in the time of Christ.

Consuls-general of seven nations, including the United States, planned to attend a pontifical midnight Mass here.

Consuls once went in procession down the old road past the well where the three wise men are said to have halted to drink. Today that road is blocked with tank traps and mines.

Protestant ceremonies for Christmas were led by a carol service in the field of the shepherds two miles from Bethlehem this afternoon. Other Protestant services were scheduled in churches in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

Posters Banned

FRANKFURT, Germany (UP)—Posters showing Marilyn Monroe in a form-fitting dress with a plunging neckline have been banned by authorities in two German cities, German film distributors said today. The city of Osnabrueck said the posters were "shocking." The city of Muenster ruled the posters were "not acceptable for a city that is the seat of a bishopric," according to the distributors.

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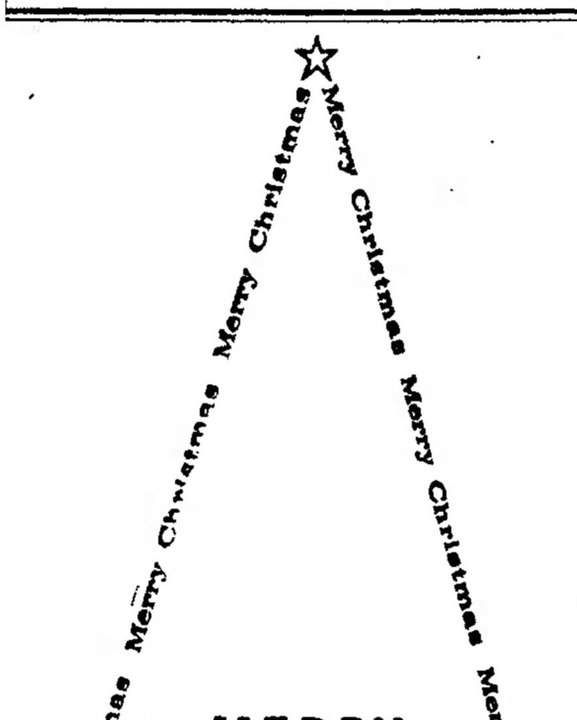

The mistletoe's above the door,
The mantel's hung with pine,
And every frosted windowpane
Is bright with candleshine . . .

At last the children are in bed
And parents smile to see
The growing pile of dreams-come-true
Beneath the star-tipped tree.

Far off, the church bells bless the night
With wind-blown, silvery chime—
May Joy and Peace be with us all
Until next Christmas-time!

—MAUREEN MURDOCH

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To wish You a very Joyous Christmas

At Christmas time, we wish for you all the spiritual blessings of the season. May your heart and home be filled with happiness supreme.

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Joy to the world

We wish for all our friends the greatest joys of Christmas time.

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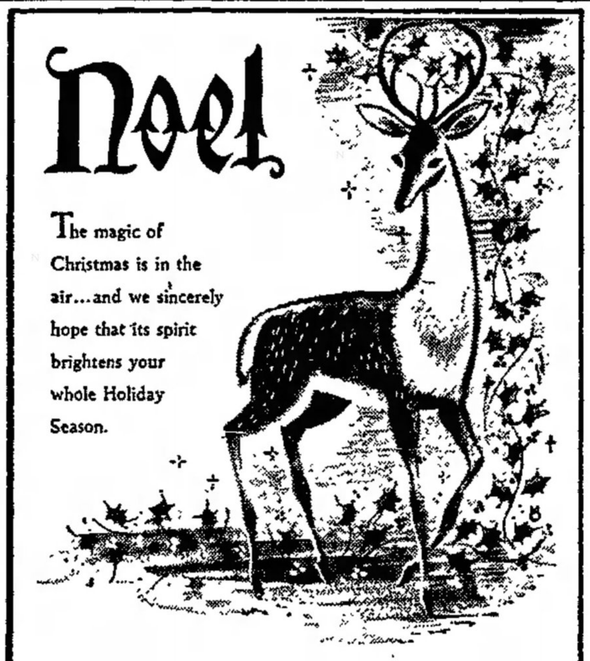
The magic of Christmas is in the air...and we sincerely hope that its spirit brightens your whole Holiday Season.



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Merry Christmas

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Greetings and Thank You

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Greetings

As happy families everywhere gather together to celebrate this most festive of seasons, we wish you and yours every joy.

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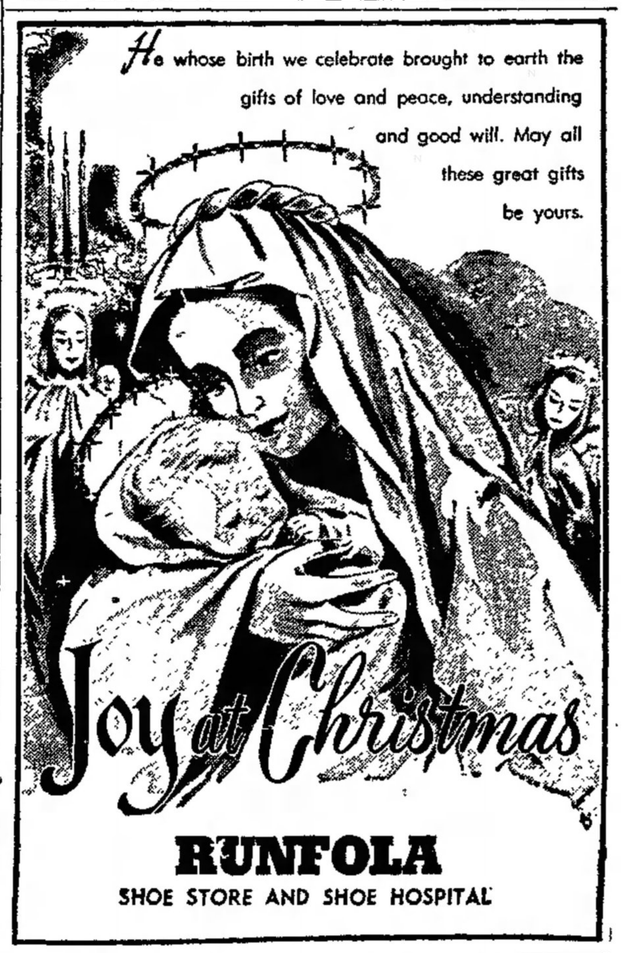
He whose birth we celebrate brought to earth the gifts of love and peace, understanding and good will. May all these great gifts be yours.



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BELLE VERNON AND DISTRICT NEWS

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Brownie Troop Investiture, Christmas Party Saturday

Investiture and a Christmas party featured the Saturday afternoon meeting of Belle Vernon Brownie Troop 25 held in the Girl Scout Little House.

The afternoon program began with an opening ceremony conducted by Neila Neil, Melanie Jones, Cristy Ringstad and Urusula Paterline.

Patricia and Pauline Anderchak, Neila Neil, Melanie Jones and Cristy Ringstad were honored and presented second year stars. Brownie pins were presented to Santa Alessio, Mary Kay Fugo, Mary Ann and Regina Gaggini, Jamie Ferguson, Joyce McClain, Mavis Szymansky and Barbara Sterner.

Mrs. Sue Ringstad, leader of the troop, presented a world friendship pin to Urusula Paterline, who will be leaving for France in the near future. She will make her home there while her father is serving in the U. S. Air Force. Linda Johnston, who serves as program aide was also presented with a world friendship pin.

Mrs. Margaret Szymansky, who has been active in Girl Scouting for the past 25 years, was presented with a 25 year bar by Mrs. Ringstad in appreciation for the help given her over the past two years.

A Christmas program was then presented. Melanie Jones was the announcer. Jamie Ferguson gave a reading "Santa and the Mouse." Ursula Paterline gave a Christmas poem. Cristy Ringstad pantomimed to "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus." Neil Neil pantomimed to "One Step at a Time." Regina Gaggini and Barbara Sterner sang "All I Want for Christmas is My two Front Teeth." Joyce McClain pantomimed to "I Just Can't Wait Til Christmas." Mary Ann Gaggini sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and Mary Kay Fuoco sang "O Come All Ye Faithful." Pauline Andrachak sang "Joy to the World" and Patricia Andrachak sang "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer." Mavis Szymansky gave a reading.

Penny Hewitt as "Santa" distributed the gifts and luncheon was served. Mrs. Ringstad was assisted by Lucille Coursin, Linda Johnston and Mrs. Szymansky.

Children's Treat Christmas Day

Children of members of Belle Vernon American Legion Post 659 and also of social members will receive a treat from Santa Claus on Christmas day from 1 to 5 at the post home.

In order to receive a gift from Santa every young person must be accompanied by a parent.

Degree of Honor Hears Reports; Plans Installation

The Degree of Honor Protective Association met on Friday evening in the lodge rooms for the regular meeting with Mrs. Ina Crow, president, in charge.

Routine reports were heard, and plans were made for the installation of new officers on Jan. 17.

Mrs. Gladys Bakewell won the lodge prize and Mrs. Crow won the special prize.

Luncheon was served by the hostesses, Bertha Forsberg and Esther Jarvis.

The lodge members had their annual Christmas party on Dec. 13 at Crawford's in Rostraver Township. Covers were laid for 27 at tables arranged in keeping with the holiday season. A Christmas bell and novelty favors marked each cover. Mrs. Maude Hammitt asked the invocation.

June Boyce, a guest, led in the singing of Christmas carols and accompanied at the piano. Bertha Forsberg and Dorothy Lape gave Christmas readings. Games and a gift exchange concluded the evening.

CONCERT SOLOIST — Robert Louis Clark, 21 Columbus St., Belle Vernon, a sophomore at the University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, Conn., was featured soloist at the university's Christmas concert attended by more than 1,000 persons last week. He was accompanied by a fellow music student, Rosemary Tancredi. Clark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Clark and has a brother, Edward, who is also a student at the university majoring in psychology.

Girl Scout Troop Makes Caroling Tour on Sunday

Members of Girl Scout Troop 6 met on Sunday evening for a carol singing tour of the town. The girls were accompanied by their leaders, Mrs. William Myers and Mrs. James Thompson. There were 14 girls in the party.

After the singing trip the group went to the Girl Scout Little House where refreshments were served by Mrs. Ella Cain and Mrs Betty Vizza. On the social committee were Jane Beazell, chairman, assisted by Janet Center, Linda Toth, Kathy Vizza, Sandy White and Doreen Williams.

Another holiday affair held by the troop was a Christmas party in the Little House. The girls sang carols and Mrs. Myers read them a Christmas story.

Luncheon was served from a table arranged in keeping with the holiday theme by a committee composed of Nancy Comadena, Sharon Early, Joyce Harvey, Sherry Palfrey, Jolinda Pinciaro, Marcia Vig.

The place cards were made by a committee composed of Judy Amoroso, Linda Delia, Nancy Miller, Kathleen Myers and table decorations by Kathy Perry and Sandy Pupilli. Cedar greens and tall lighted tapers decorated the tables.

Gifts were exchanged among the girls and they were each given a gift from the leader.

Each of the girls received a treat for their cooperation in the sale of Christmas candy.

The party closed with the group singing of Taps. Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Thompson were in charge.

Dorcas Class to Give Out Boxes

Christmas cheer boxes were packed and distributed by members of the Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church on Friday afternoon in accordance with an annual pre-Yuletide custom.

Members of the class of which Mrs. Henrietta Younkin is president gathered in the church social rooms. They decorated 30 boxes with sprays of evergreen and other appointments and then filled them with delicacies.

Mrs. Laura Budd, class teacher, provided cake and coffee for refreshments before the women distributed the boxes to aged and shut in friends.

Teamsters Have New Scheme

DETROIT (UP)—James R. Hoffa said today officials of his Teamsters Union might try to hang onto their jobs in AFL central bodies in Michigan even though the teamsters have been expelled from the AFL-CIO.

"We're considering it," Hoffa said of a possible move by teamster officials to retain their offices in the AFL by obtaining memberships in other unions in good standing in the AFL-CIO.

But Hoffa, teamster president-elect, said no decision would be made until officers see a directive from the AFL-CIO hierarchy ordering state and city bodies to expel teamsters locals from membership at once.

Andrew S. McFarlane, president of the Wayne County (Detroit) Federation of Labor, said it would be a simple matter for teamsters officials to gain auxiliary membership in other AFL-CIO unions in order to stay on policy-making central body boards.

"They wouldn't be setting any precedent," McFarlens said. "The Bakery Workers were expelled from the AFL-CIO and that's when Schnitzler (AFL - CIO secretary-treasurer William F. Schnitzler) got a different membership. He was president of the Bakery Workers when he was elected secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO and had to join another union to maintain his position."

The teamsters, bakery and laundry unions recently were expelled from the AFL-CIO for failing to oust officials accused of corruption. Last week the AFL-CIO ordered its state and city bodies to drop the teamster locals from membership immediately.

Vernon Nine Club in Party

Mrs. Milan Franceschi of Grant St. entertained at her home on Thursday evening for members of the Vernon Nine card club. It was the annual Christmas party.

Refreshments were served before playing of cards began. Table appointments were in seasonable motif.

Winning high score awards were Mrs. Albert Franceschi, who was a guest, Mrs. Anthony Zbyl and Mrs. Michael Costello.

Gifts were exchanged and the identity of the secret sisters was revealed.

Candle Service at Methodist Church

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held tonight at 11 o'clock in the First Methodist Church.

The church pastor, the Rev. William A. Schatz will present a Christmas meditation and there will be special music by the choir. Carol Davenport as soloist will sing "Cantique de Noel" and the choir will sing "Hasten Swiftly — Hasten Softly" and "Carol of the Bells."

Women's Benefit Held on Friday

Christmas party was held on Friday evening in the Sons of Italy Hall by members of the Women's Benefit Association. Mrs. Sarah Quinn, president, was in charge, and it was decided to suspend all business for the evening.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and a covered dish dinner was served. Table appointments were in keeping with the Yuletide season.

Plans were announced for a meeting of the W.B.A. Valley Club to be held in California on Jan. 7.

Midnight Mass At St. Sebastian

A midnight mass will be celebrated tonight at St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church as the first religious observance of Christmas day.

Other Christmas day masses will be celebrated at 7 a. m. 7:40 a. m., Childrens mass at 9 a. m., high mass at 10:30 followed by benediction and a low mass at noon. Additional masses will be offered between the regularly scheduled services.

The church will close at 9 p. m. after all confessions have been heard and will open again at 11:20 p. m. in preparation for the midnight service.

Special Christian Church Program

On Sunday morning between the Sunday School and worship hour at the First Christian Church there was a Christmas program presented by the children of the school.

Roy Lewis Whitelaw, superintendent of the school, was in charge of the program arranged by the teachers. Each class in the school was represented in the program of carols, readings and dialogues.

Each class member was presented with a box of candy and there was an exchange of gifts among the young folks.

Glenn Shepler, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, is spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Shepler of East Belle Vernon

GREETINGS

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Christmas Cheer!
To all our friends we extend our very best wishes for a happy Holiday.
May all your joys add up to a very merry Christmas.

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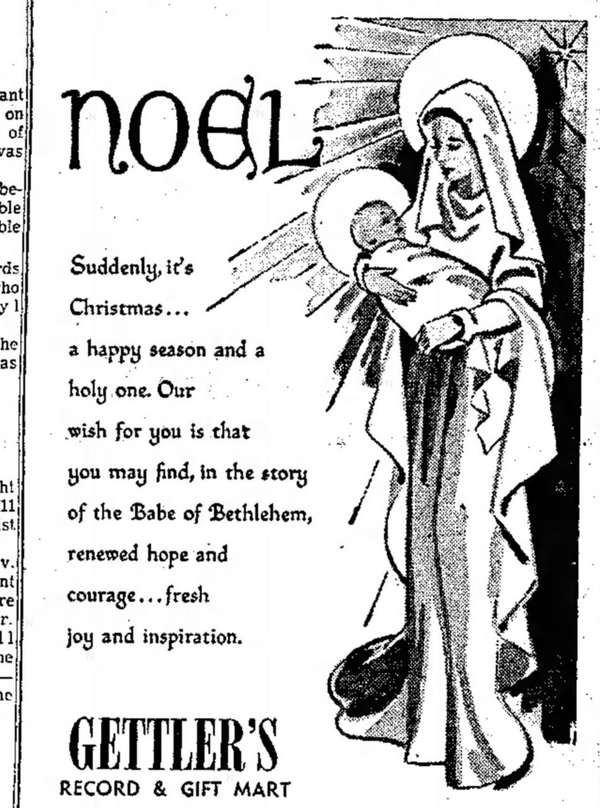
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Suddenly, it's Christmas... a happy season and a holy one. Our wish for you is that you may find, in the story of the Babe of Bethlehem, renewed hope and courage... fresh joy and inspiration.

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When jolly old Santa makes his annual trip to your home, may he find every eye bright, every heart light with the happiness of this joyous season.
Merry Christmas

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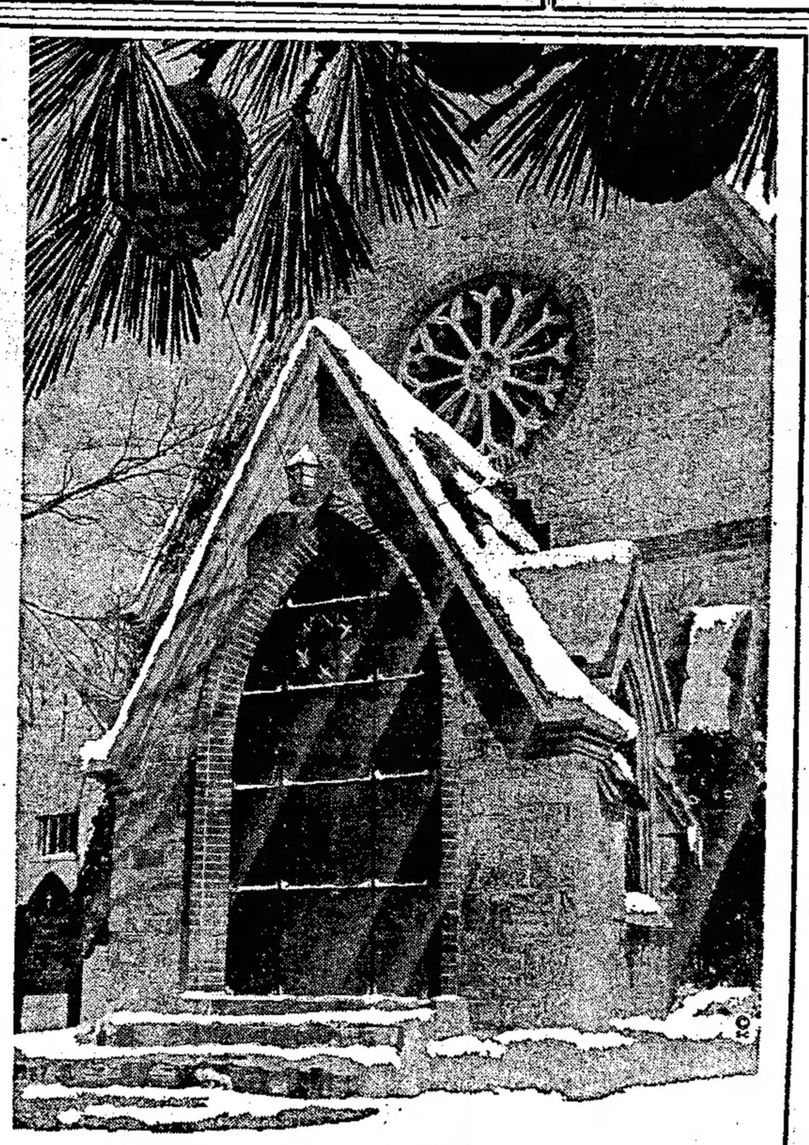

Here's To A Joyous Christmas

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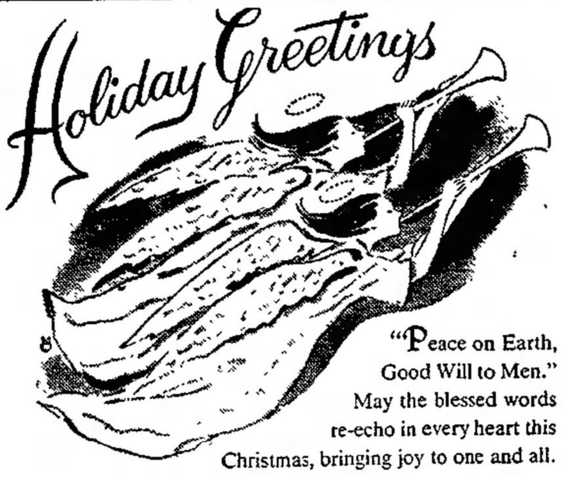

"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."
May the blessed words re-echo in every heart this Christmas, bringing joy to one and all.

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FUNERAL HOME

Greetings

Season's greetings and our thanks to all our friends whose patronage we value so highly! We're all aglow with warm wishes for a holiday full of love, joy and good cheer!

American Cleaners

Greetings

As this festive season gets into full swing, we take pleasure in wishing you a full share of its joys and blessings.

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MAY WE COME IN?

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Special Board Plans Hearings On Wage Scales

HARRISBURG (UP) — A special board set up by the state will hold hearings Jan. 14 on tentative new minimum wage scales for women and children employes of restaurants, hotels and motels in Pennsylvania.

William L. Batt, secretary of labor and industry, announced during the week end he had accepted the recommendations of the nine-member board. They are scheduled tentatively to go into effect April 15, but Batt said the hearings will be held to give employers, workers and the public an opportunity to give their views.

The minimum wage scales would range from 58 cents to $1.05 an hour. Currently they start at 20 cents an hour and go to 39 cents an hour.

Another board recommendation would fix a 40-hour week to replace the current 44-hour week.

Unhappy with Letter

MIAMI (UP)—Mrs. Rosalie Bower said today she is not too happy about the letter her 4-year-old grandson, David Pupa, mailed to Santa Claus. He enclosed $5 of Mrs. Bower's pin money to make sure Santa would visit him.

Season's Greetings

Our sincere thanks for your loyal patronage, and may this holiday season be one that you will always look back on with the greatest of pleasure.

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Season's Greetings

The pleasure is all ours when it comes to thanking our many kind friends and patrons and wishing them the best of everything throughout the holiday season!

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PERRYOPOLIS

Perryopolis — **Star Junction**

Correspondent: Mrs. Hallie F. Rollson — Phone REdfield 6-4468

Parent-Teacher Group Hears Reports at Meeting Here

The Perry-Lower Tyrone PTA met recently in the high school auditorium for its regular monthly meeting with the president, Mrs. Dwight Taylor, Star Junction, in charge.

Mrs. Robert White, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, and the treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Frank Godla in the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. George Kosisky, Jr.

Jean Stickel student at the Perry schools, was in charge of devotions. Mrs. John Bilohlavek sang, "O Holy Night", accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Taylor. The theme for the evening was "Music as Therapy."

The Heart drive this year will be sponsored by the local PTA for the Perryopolis area with Mrs. Laddie Griglak and Mrs. George Kosisky Jr., as co-chairmen.

Miss Pauline Criag, music supervisor of Uniontown elementary schools, presented a musical program and introduced two student teachers from Uniontown, Miss Datz and Miss Makurka. Mrs. Lorrain Compeau, also a Uniontown teacher, played a selection on a small electric organ.

The group sang Christmas carols and all joined in prayer in unison.

A card party will be held at St. John's Social Center on Founer's Day, which will be in February. Mrs. Joseph Haller is general chairman for the affair.

The next meeting will be Jan. 15th for the PTA, and the theme will be "Recreation and Mental Adjustment." Don Buttermore, Star Junction, will be the speaker.

Boy and Girl Scout groups of this area and Cub Scouts are invited to attend.

A social hour will follow the meeting, with Mrs. Frank Godla acting as chairman of the affair.

Methodist Church Society Program For Christmas

The Women's Society of Christian Service held its regular meeting at the Methodist church.

The committee in charge decorated the tables and halls with Christmas greens and candles and a covered dish dinner was enjoyed by the group.

Program leader was Mary Duff. Amanda Terry was in charge of devotions. The group sang Christmas carols and Mrs. Edna Blair played several selections on the organ. Christmas readings were given by Gladys Murphy, Mabel Stuck and Mrs. Robert White. The members brought along old Christmas cards, old silk hose and books to be sent to Japan.

Mrs. Thomas Baker also presented a short story. President of the group is Mary Belle Sampey, while the secretary is Amelia Crawford and treasurer Gladys Murphy.

WCTU Meets At Pierson Home in Perry

The Perryopolis Women's Christian Temperence Union held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Selma Pierson, of Perryopolis.

A Christmas party was enjoyed by the members after a short meeting in charge of the president, Mrs. Blanche Evans. Devotions were in charge of Mrs. Luvada Blair.

Mrs. John Bilohlavak, Perryopolis, sang two solos, "Silent Night" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Mrs. Harry Sechrist presented "The Road to Bethlehem", and the "Christmas Story" by Mrs. A.L. Evans.

Each member brought a gift to be sent to the Veterans Hospital in Aspinwall.

The hostess served a lunch in buffet style. Fourteen members attended the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Falbo, Star Junction, are announcing the birth of a baby daughter born at the Uniontown hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fuller, Vanderbilt, are the parents of a son, born in the Connellsville hospital.

Father, Son Communion at Christian Church

The past Sunday was observed at First Christian Church with a Father and Son Communion and breakfast held in the early morning.

The breakfast was cooked and served by the women of the church and about forty Fathers and their sons were served.

The Sunday School opened with the children presenting Christmas songs and speeches after which they received a treat of candy.

The church was decorated with greens, flowers and candles, and a large family Christmas tree.

The minister, Rev. Raymond Wreath, conducted the morning worship. His theme was "Seized by Wonder", and the choir, under the direction of Mrs. George Eclenroad, sang several Christmas numbers. The organist was James Blair.

Tonight Candlelight Communion Services will be held at the Christian Church, with the Rev. Mr. Wreath speaking on "We Hear the Christmas Angels."

The choir will sing the anthems. The services begin at 11 o'clock, and will last until midnight.

Israfil Class Holds Meeting

The Israfil class of the Methodist church, Perryopolis, held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Martha Stuck.

The short business meeting was in charge of the president, Mrs. Doris McWilliams. Christmas decorations, tree and a lunch were enjoyed by the guests.

Christmas carols and readings were under the leadership of Leah Evans, program leader. A gift exchange and a motion to donate a sum of money to the Star Junction cafeteria brought the evening to a close.

Pvt. Kenneth Erler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Margaret Erler, Perryopolis, has been assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Ga. Kenneth will accompany the division to Germany in the spring.

Bernard Haller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haller of Perryopolis, has received a Navy promotion to communications technician, second class. Bernard has been stationed on Luzon, Philippine Islands, since 1956, and will remain there until next spring. He received his basic training at Bainbridge, Md., and is a graduate of Perry-Lower Tyrone High school.

Pvt. Thomas Timcheck, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Timcheck of Star Junction, has completed six months of active training under the Reserve Forces Act at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Thomas, after completing basic training at Ft. Knox, has since received 14 weeks of medical training.

Christmas Wishes

May the radiance that shone 'round the Christ child brighten the way for each and all of our friends at Christmas.

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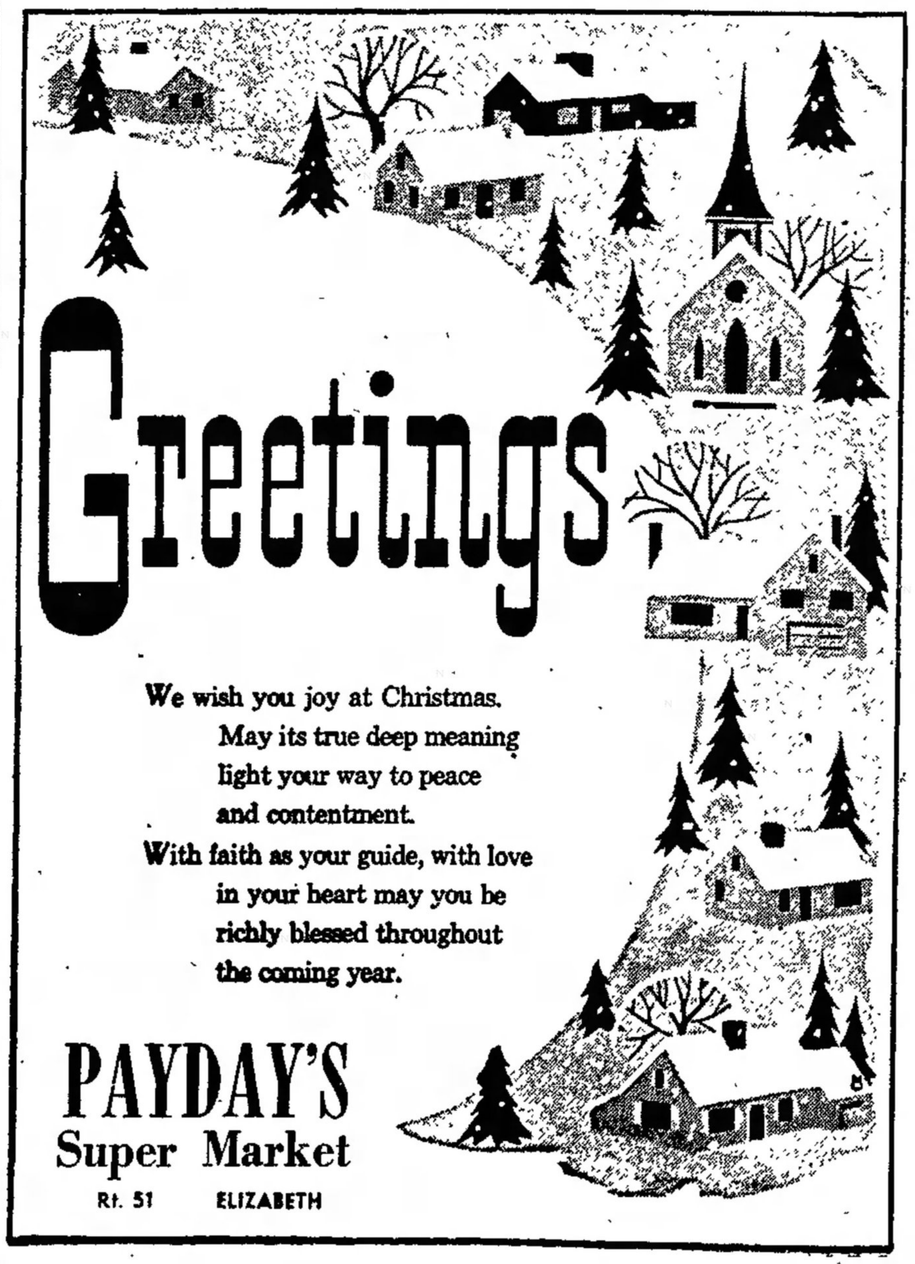

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We wish you joy at Christmas.
May its true deep meaning
light your way to peace
and contentment.
With faith as your guide, with love
in your heart may you be
richly blessed throughout
the coming year.

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Kittanning Bank Is Heldup

KITTANNING, Pa., Dec. 24 (UP) — State and federal authorities looked today for a "penny bandit" who held up the bank of Rural Valley, 12 miles east of here, and escaped with $10,211.

The gunman walked into the Peoples National Bank, shortly after noon Monday, slapped a 50-cent piece on the counter in front of teller Stella Samoskey the only employe on duty, and asked for change in pennies

As Miss Samoskey counted the change, he pulled a pistol and ordered the teller into a back room where bank cashier Charles Dill was eating his lunch

A barred-door leading to the bank's vault was locked, but the robber cleaned out two cash drawers in the tellers' area and fled to his getaway car, a two-tone station wagon.

Dill ran to the street after the bandit and fired one shot at the fleeing holdup man, but the robber escaped State police were notified and roadblocks were set up throughout the area. The federal bureau of investigation also joined the investigation.

Best Wishes

In the spirit of the first Noel, we extend to all our friends our best wishes for a Christmas rich in the blessings of peace and good will, love and happiness.

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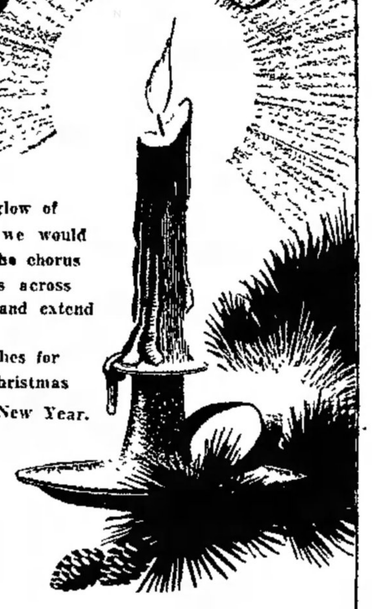
Season's Greetings



In the friendly glow of Christmas, we would like to join the chorus that sweeps across the country, and extend to all our many friends, our wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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We like to keep Christmas reverently, in full awareness of its deep spiritual significance. And we like to keep Christmas as He would have us do, with peace and good will, with friendly greetings to all.

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Correspondent: Mrs. Mary Eckart — Phone B. V. 514

Herman Blick, Webster Fire Chief, Cautious

Herman Blick, Webster fire chief, today urged residents to use extreme caution against fires during the holidays.

He stressed the fact that persons should be particularly careful of "overloading" electricial circuits

As a precaution, he said, firemen will be stationed at the fire hall beginning today until Jan. 2

Firemen who have volunteered for stand-by duty include: Blick, Harry Staff, Sherman Bentley, Sam Weir, Tom, Mike, Billy and Buddy Buck, Al Roberts, Bud Bell, Steve Smerczniak, William Johnston, John Jakela, Ben Gilmer, Charles Wilson, Rodney Lynn, Bill Walker and Andy Chaldor.

Methodist Youth Fellowship Class Holds Meeting

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Fellsburg Church met at the church Sunday at 6 p.m. for a covered dish dinner.

Bill Sarber, vice-president, conducted the meeting and Nancy Myers gave the secretary's report. Gifts were presented to Mrs. Eva Sarber and Mrs Charlotte Fisher Sr., senior counselors, and Arlene Fisher, junior counselor.

Following, the group assembled for a Christmas cantata by the choir and then went caroling.

Others present were Rosemary Aitken, Wanda Bainbridge, Lloyd Fisher, Myra Johnson, Carol, Margie and Carl Overand, Harry Wall, Audrey Cuthbert and Shela Schulz.

Mrs Mildred Turner, Broad Ave. Ext., is spending the holidays in Winchester, Va.

U. S. Opposes Plan to Move Launching Site

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Army has decided against a proposal to cloak its satellite-launching attempt in secrecy by holding it outside the United States, it was learned today.

Informed sources said suggestions were advanced within the Army to conduct the rocket-firing somewhere like Panama or Puerto Rico.

However too many obstacles arose and the attempt to lift the Army satellite into an orbit will be conducted at the Air Force missile test center at Cape Canaveral, Fla. This is the same site used for the Navy Vanguard satellite tests.

The main reason advanced for shifting the site of the Army firing from Cape Canaveral to a more isolated spot was to avoid a publicity buildup like the one which preceded the the Vanguard failure three weeks ago.

From this standpoint Panama Puerto Rico or other sites mentioned might have filled the bill

A launching place farther south than Canaveral would have one added advantage — it would be easier to reach the 18,000-mile-per-hour speed needed to get into an orbit. The nearer the Equator you go the more you can take advantage of the speed of the earth's own rotation.

But the suggestion had insurmountable obstacles. The main one was lack of tracking stations to follow the satellite's course. It is necessary to track the satellite to know exactly when to give it the signal to fire its final stage rocket and push it into an orbit. Afterward scientists gain valuable information by following its course.

861 Man Draft Call For Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG (UP)—The state Selective Service has announced an 861 man draft call for Pennsylvania in February, the highest quota since last July.

The quota is the state's share of a national call of 13,000 men. Last July the call was for 87 while January's call is for 696 men.

Red Fares Down

LONDON (UP)—Radio Moscow said Monday Soviet airline fares will soon be as low as those on the railways. A broadcast said increasing use of new types of aircraft would soon bring air fares down. It said some fares were reduced 12 per cent from last year and as much as 40 per cent on some northern Siberian routes.

Auto Prices Up

PARIS (UP)—Two of France's major automobile manufacturers today hiked prices on all models, blaming the increase on the rising costs of raw materials. Renault and Citroen announced price increases averaging 4 to 5 per cent.

Rostraver Junior School Choir Has Program

The Rostraver Junior High School choir under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Bernowski presented a Christmas program Thursday at the school

Following a piano solo by Judy Paholski and the processional, the chorus sang several selections. After Annette Yuvan gave a scripture reading, a quartet composed of Betty Neth, Ruth Levin, Sharon Balko and Dee Rosenberg entertained. Others featured in songs were Gloria Uram and Geraldine Kopanic. Suzanne Kerestes presented a piano solo and Janice Zubritsky a ballet.

Rendering several carols was a quintet made up of Diane Rosenberg, Linda Little, Sandy Morgan Betty Allen and Barbara Buck Doc Wood acted as a snowman A reading was given by Carol Ann Murin Others participating were Dale Patterson, Lloyd Shawley and William Callaway. Another feature was a ballet performance by Billie Lynn Dragan. Lauralee Hawthorne was accompanist and stage settings were by Virginia Wood

Webster P. T. A. Holds Annual Christmas Fete

The Webster Parent-Teacher Association held its annual Christmas party last week with Grades 1 to 4 inclusive presenting the program

Taking part were Rebecca Evans, Wandy and Joan Martin, Thomas Bailey, Wilfred Evans, Dolores Held, Sherman Brizzi Mary Hainey, Deborah Konsugar, Linda Bryce, Judy Van Kirk, Larry Mullen, Sherman Koons Peter Brizzi, Conrad Kolodziej, Ellen Price, Ruth Van Kirk, John Linda Natali, Cathy Cupples, Sheryl Wall, Janice Bloom, Cathy Nason,, Nancy Buck, Mary Ankney, Terry Creezey, Garry Cekus, John Urick, Tom Marr, Eugene Dolfi and Dondra Painter.

The program was directed by Mrs Overand, Mrs. Ulander, Mrs. Parnell, Mrs. Smith and Mrs Haas

Prior to the program, a business meeting was conducted by Catherine Jugan, president. Prayer was by Kathyrn Sickles and reports were given by Kathyrn Sickles, ways and means chairman, Esther Sickles membership chairman and Jean Paradise, program chairman.

Mrs Martha Bonner and Mr. and Mrs. Martha Bonner, all of Johnstown, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs Maynard Foor and Edmond Rogers, Belle Vernon.

CHRISTMAS GIRL — Princess Alexandra, daughter of the duke and duchess of Kent, poses for her 21st birthday photo at Kensington palace, London. She was a Christmas baby.

'Sick' Strike Cripples Service On Long Island

NEW YORK (UP)—A "sick" strike by trainmen crippled service today on the Long Island Railroad, the world's largest commuter line which carries an estimated 275,000 passengers daily.

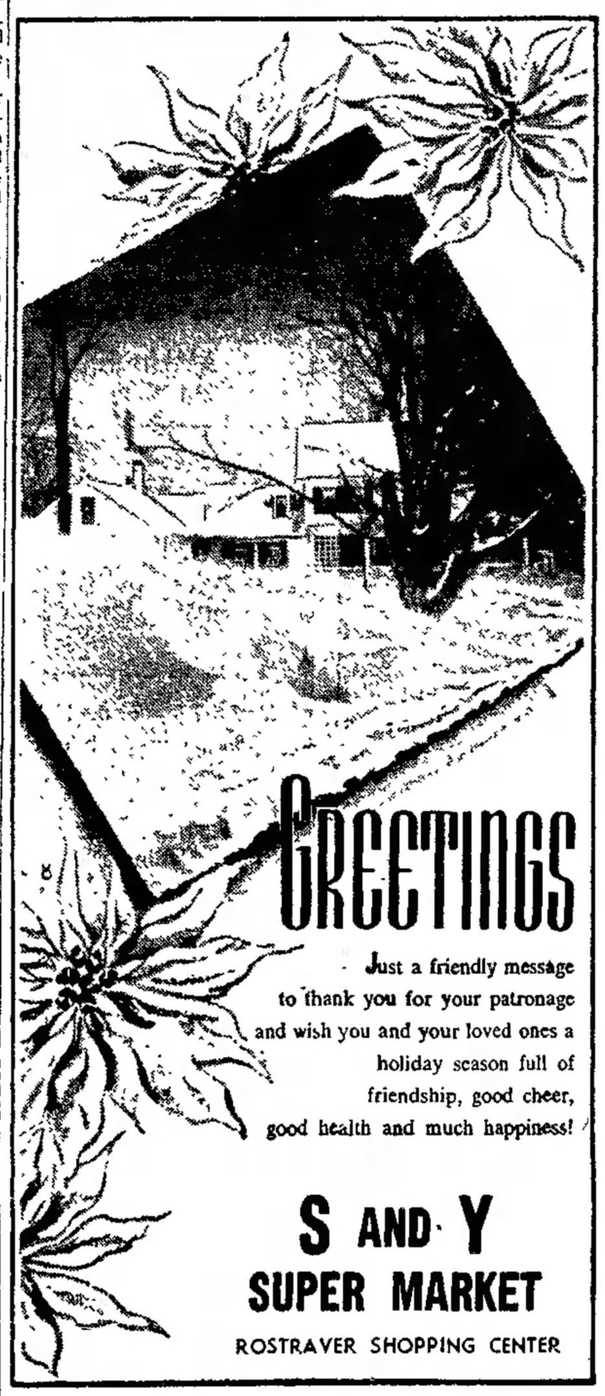
A spokesman for the railroad said more than 175 trainmen reported they were sick and could not work this morning. As a result of the sick calls, the spokesman said, the railroad would offer only limited service

The sickness was believed to stem from union objections to the manner in which the company assigned crews to special trains scheduled for late today and for early on the afternoon of New Year's Eve

A strike threatened for 4 p.m. est. Monday afternoon did not come off

The spokesman said, "any strike of this sort would be illegal" because the dispute has been in the hands of federal mediator Michael O'Connor since Monday.

When O'Connor stepped into the dispute, Harold Pryor, chairman of the two lodges of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen said the Railway Labor Act would be obeyed The act prohibits the calling of a strike while the mediation board has jurisdiction over the dispute.



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Pity the Poor Postman Piece—

By LOUIS CASSELS

WASHINGTON (UP) — It just wouldn't be Christmas unless some reporter wrote a "pity the poor postman" piece.

So . . here are the facts, and let him who can hold back a sympathetic tear

The rush started about Dec. 10 Heeding the perennial post office warning, several million people did their Christmas mailing early.

The volume of letters, cards and parcels pouring through the U.S. postal system jumped from a "normal" level of 150 million a day to twice that figure, then three times as much By last weekend, it had hit what apparently will be the peak—500 million pieces of mail every 24 hours

Since mailmen do not customarily open letters to see whether they contain greeting cards or past-due bills, no one can say precisely how many wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year have been exchanged through the mails this year.

Holiday Mail High

But a post office spokesman said a "high proportion" — well over half—of the 5,500,000,000 letters and the 85 million parcels delivered during the past two weeks looked, felt or smelled like Christmas mail.

On the basis of population, your fair share of all this mail figures out to 33 cards and letters (including bills, circulars and other just-ordinary mail) and one-half of a parcel. (The Post Office emphasizes that any fractionated parcels you may have received do not represent an attempt on its part to make sure that you got precisely your per capita share, but were the inevitable result of handling so much tonnage in so short a time)

Staggering on their appointed rounds beneath this fearful load of season's greetings are about 500,000 regular postal employes and 250,000 temporary helpers hired for the Christmas rush.

Veterans and people who have passed Civil Service examinations for post office jobs have first call on these temporary jobs. Many college students and public school teachers, trying to pick up some extra money during their holiday, also are signed on

Some of the Christmas mail is delivered on horseback (there are still more than 100 contract mail routes, mainly in mountainous regions, where horses are used)

Some ride in style in a few fleet of "mailsters" — three-wheeled motor scooters with red-white-and-blue decor and room for a quarter ton of mail

But the vast majority is being lugged from house to house by carriers who travel on foot. Post office regulations forbid them to carry more than 35 pounds of mail in their leather sacks at a time. This means that when the volume is heavy, they have to keep trudging back and forth to the "storage boxes" where the mail is deposited by trucks.

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has pledged that neither sore feet nor tired back nor the lure of the family hearth on Christmas Eve shall stay his couriers from completing their annual task

Even if the mailmen have to work around the clock from now on, Summerfield says, "We intend to see that no Christmas mail remains undelivered in the post office on Christmas Day."

Expensive Customer

SANDWICH, Ill (UP)—Service station operator Alvin Klotz serviced an expensive customer Monday. While Klotz filled the car with gas and oil, a confederate of the motorist apparently opened the station safe and took $160 Klotz was unaware of the robbery until some school children found his empty pocket book and returned it to him.

I'm the spirit of the season, we send to you our greetings and good wishes for a Christmas rich in hope, peace and love.

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Christmas Greetings

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1 Death Notice

COCCARI — Carmine, 1234 McMahon Ave., Monessen, died Dec. 23, 1957 at 11:05 a.m. Surviving are three brothers, Domenic and Rosario, Monessen and Frank, in Italy; nephews, Ernest, Louis, Robert, James, John, Joseph and Rudolph, Monessen; nieces, Mrs. Frank (Lena) Venneri and Mrs. Thomas (Edith) Alexander, Monessen and Mrs. Gus (Marie) Hickel, Baltimore, Md.; nieces and nephews in Philadelphia and in Italy. Friends will be received at the late home after 7 p.m., Dec. 24. Services will be held Friday, Dec. 27, at 9 a.m. from the home with additional services to follow at 9:30 from the St. Cajetan R. C. Church. The Rev. Nunzio Pirulli will officiate at solemn requiem mass, assisted by the Rev. Leonard Sanesi and the Rev. Theodore Benkovic. Interment will be in Grandview Cemetery. Perry A. Cozza, funeral director.

DUDGEON — James W., 223 Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen, died Dec. 23, 1957 at 10:35 p.m. in the Charleroi-Monessen Hospital. Surviving are his wife and a son, James. New Kensington. Friends are being received at the Toner Funeral Home, Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, where visiting hours are from 1 to 5 and 7 to 10 p.m. Services will be held Friday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. The Rev. William Schatz, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Belle Vernon, will officiate Interment will be in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Harold R. Toner, funeral director.

HUSEMAN — Mrs. Nellie, Howard St., Hiller Plan, Brownsville, died suddenly at her home, Dec. 22, 1957 at 3:15 p. m. Surviving are her husband, John William Huseman Sr.; three sons, John William Jr., Merrittstown; Robert, Brownsville and Thomas, at home; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Gustovich, Miami, Fla. and Mrs. John Vohar, Brownsville; one brother, John Summerson, Vestaburg and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Young, York, Pa. and Mrs. Victoria Bolus, Somerset. Friends are being received at the late home, where services will be held Thursday, Dec. 26, at 2:30 p. m. Interment will be in Bridgeport Cemetery, Brownsville. George M. McCrory & Son, Fayette City, funeral directors.

JONES — Mrs. Jean Kuhn, 63 of Provo, Utah, a former resident of Speers, died December 22, 1957, in the Provo Valley Hospital, Provo, Utah. Surviving are her husband, William Jones, of Provo; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Audrey) Whitfield, of Speers; Mrs. Glenn (Wilma Jean) McCoy, of Girard, O.; two brotners, William R. Kuhn, of Speers; John D. Kuhn, of Belle Vernon; a sister, Mrs. Helen McGill, of Belle Vernon and four grandchildren. Friends will be received at the Toner Funeral Home, Broad avenue, Belle Vernon, beginning at 1 p. m Thursday. Dec 26. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home at 2 p. m. Friday, Dec. 27. Interment will follow in the Belle Vernon Cemetery. Harold R. Toner, funeral director.

2 Card of Thanks

KOHUT — We wish to thank the many thoughtful friends and neighbors who extended us kindness in our recent bereavement, the death of Mrs. Mary Guzzie Kohut. The ministrations of the Very Rev. John Govrusik; the services of the Ladies Altar Guild of the St. John the Divine Church; Edwin F. Melenyzer; masses, floral tributes, expressions of sympathy, spiritual comfort, cars loaned for the funeral and the aid of the pall bearers; as well as all those who assisted at the funeral will be remembered with gratitude. The Guzzie Family.

2 Memorials

In loving memory of our dear baby and sister, Sandra Kay Scaccia, who died ten years ago tomorrow, Christmas Day, December 25, 1947.
Dear little hands, we miss them so,
All through the night how lonely it seems,
For her little hands not to wake us out of our dreams.
We miss her as others do sunshine and flowers,
Miss her continually in all of our hours,
Daytime or nighttime wherever we go,
Dear little hands we miss them so
Sadly missed by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Scaccia, Brother and Sister.

In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Cpl. George Cesovski, who died in Germany six years ago, Christmas Day, December 25, 1951.
He little thought when leaving home
He would no more return,
That he in death so soon would sleep
And leave us here to mourn.
We did not know what pain he bore,
We did not see him die.
We only know he passed away
And never said goodbye.
But God is good, He gave us strength
To bear our heavy cross.
He is the only one who knows
How bitter is our loss.
Sadly missed by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cesovski, Sr., Brothers and Sisters.

In loving memory of our dear sister, Johanna Nalepa, who died three years ago tomorrow, December 25, 1954.
We miss the many things
You did to make us glad.
Your cheery smile, your twinkling eyes,
And the unique way you had
To make us feel like smiling
When we were feeling low,
And transposed gloom to happiness
And kept us all aglow
No, we cannot forget you,
The memories are dear,
And we'll always think of you
As being very near.
Sadly missed by Sisters and Brother.

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3 Memorials

In loving memory of our dear husband and father, Demetrius J. Bridge, who died one year ago tomorrow, December 25, 1956
Little did we know that morning,
The sorrow the day would bring,
The end was sudden, the shock severe,
To part with you, father, the one we loved so dear.
We did not know the pain you had,
nor hear your final sigh,
We only know that you had left us without a last goodbye.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
Many a lonely heartache after a lonely tear,
You have passed beyond our love and care
But not beyond our thoughts and prayer.
When days are dark, and friends are few,
Father dear, how we miss you.
Sadly missed by Wife and Children.

4 Special Notices

TINY TEARS DOLLS, Ballerina with clothes, Bride, High Heeled, Suit case dolls; also Ft. Apache, Robin Hood, Capt. Gallant, Jungle, prehistoric animals; Armed Services sets and 1,001 other items at Sully's Toyland, 310 Donner avenue.

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EMPLOYMENT

13 Help Wanted—Male

STEWARD WANTED at Franco-Belgian Club. Applications will be received at the club until 6 p. m. Saturday, December 28.

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Esther Kaczmarek, Administratrix, 1034 Athalia Avenue, Monessen, Pa
Bernard S. Shire, Attorney.
10-17-24

14 Killed on Bus

MEDELLIN, Colombia (UP) — Fourteen persons were killed and 28 others injured seriously Monday when a bus ran off the Andean Highway and plunged down a 600-foot chasm. The accident happened on the highway linking Medellin and Cali in western Colombia.

No Turkey Here

DES MOINES, Iowa (UP)—Iowa Gov. Herschel C. Loveless won't be eating much turkey Christmas Day — he's got a date with the dentist today to have his remaining teeth pulled. "They're going to put the new teeth in right away," Loveless mourned, "but I don't think I'm going to be eating much Christmas dinner."

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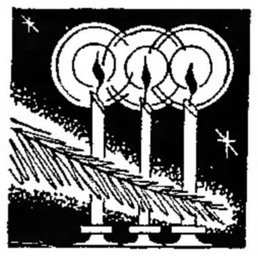
MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM THE FOLLOWING
CLASSIFIED ADVERTISERS

. . . May the blessings of Christmas bring you peace, joy and happiness!

Glenn G. Anderson
Realtor

Noel bells are ringing and we'd like to wish you a festive holiday!

Buck's
Garage



May the blessings of this Holy Season be with you always.

Joseph's
Nursery

SEASON'S GREETINGS
and best wishes to all of our friends this Holiday.

McHugh
Plumbing

May the joys of the Holy season be yours, bringing happiness and cheer . . .

Santori Bros.
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Jingle, Jangle, Jingle
It's time for Old Kris Kringle
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Ayers
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"Hark the herald" who brings you our every wish for a happy Holiday.

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Wishing you all the happiness of an old-fashioned Christmas . . .

Keystone
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BEHOLD A STAR!
Peace on earth and good will to men . . .

O'Leary
Motors

MERRY CHRISTMAS
We hope that good Saint Nick will bring you a pack full o'joy this Yule-Tide!

Sherwin-Williams
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Our heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas!

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Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
to everyone.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HOLIDAY TO ONE AND ALL!

Orsilli
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Joliest wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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May your Christmas tree be loaded with health, wealth and hapiness!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!
With reverence for the season, we send our greetings to you.

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AT CHRISTMAS—
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THE PHANTOM

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WE'RE GOING TO TOWN FOR A LITTLE TRIP... SEE YOU LATER!
OKAY, UNCLE BOB!
SCOTTY, WHAT'S THE MATTER?... WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING?
NO, LYNDA, I'M JUST JITTERY... WITH THE DUCK CALLING CONTEST COMING UP IN A COUPLE OF DAYS!
HI, HERBIE, COME IN!... YOU REMEMBER SCOTTY!
YEAH, I REMEMBER HIM... SAY, MAN, WHAT'S THIS CRAZY IDEA YOU'VE GOT ABOUT WINNING THE CONTEST!
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DIXIE DUGAN

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE, UNCLE LUCKY, AND YOU CAN DO SOMETHING FOR SOMEBODY RIGHT NOW—
BUT I'M BROKE, KID
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I DON'T MEAN BUYING PRESENTS—I MEAN YOU CAN BE SANTA CLAUS FOR THE CHILDREN TONIGHT AT THE AUDITORIUM
O.K. KID—BUT IT'LL ONLY REMIND ME OF MY UNFORTUNATE YOUTH
AW— HE AIN'T NO SANTA CLAUS—HE'S A PHONY!!
HAW-HAW— EVEN TH' KIDS ARE ON TO HIM
OW— LEGGO

MISS PEACH

DEER SANTA:
I HAVE BEEN A VERYGOOD, KIND BOY ALL YEAR, SO PLEASE BRING ME ELECTRIC TRAINS AND A NEW PARAKEET AND A BIKE AND A MAGIC SET AND A COWBOY SUIT -AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU THINK I NEED. ALSO BRING MISS PEACH SOME NICE TOYS. SHE IS MY SCHOOL-TEACHER, SO THEY MUST BE SENSIBLE TOYS.
ALSO BRING MY FRIENDS MARCIA AND FREDDY AND STUART AND IRA AND SHEILA AND LESTER AND FRANCINE SOME TOYS, TOO. THEY ARE GOOD KIDS AND I KNOW THEY LIKE ME, OR THEY WOULDN'T LAUGH AT ME SO MUCH. BUT SANTA, IF YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TOYS FOR ALL OF US, DON'T FEEL BAD. I WILL LET THE OTHERS PLAY WITH MY TOYS EVERY OTHER TUESDAY, BETWEEN 3 AND 3:30. THE REASON I AM SO GENEROUS IS I AM PRACTISING TO BE YOUR HELPER WHEN I GROW UP. IT'S A GOOD "CAREAR-FEILD" BECAUSE IT IS NOT "CROWDED."
I HOPE YOU WILL KEEP ME IN "MIND" FOR THIS JOB. (HAVE ROSY CHEEKS, "WILL" TRAVEL.)
LOVE, ARTHUR
MELL 12-24

ELLSWORTH

WELL, TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THE BIG ONE-- CHRISTMAS EVE!
IT IS? GEE..
NOT MUCH TIME LEFT-- BETTER HURRY!
WHY THE RUSH?
GOTTA WRITE ONE MORE LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS!

PRIVATE BEETLE BAILEY

BEETLE, WHY DID YOU GO AWOL?! YOU KNEW YOU'D BE CAUGHT!
I KNOW
12-24
AND YOU KNEW WHEN WE CAUGHT YOU, YOU'D PAY DEARLY!
YES
WHAT MADE YOU DO IT?
TRAVEL NOW! PAY LATER

ETTA KETT

ARCHIE

AND THIS IS MISS BEAZLY! SHE MAKES EVERYTHING WE SERVE, RIGHT HERE IN OUR SCHOOL KITCHEN!
HOMEMADE PIES, HOMEMADE CAKES, HOMEMADE BREAD....
HEH, HEH! IS THERE ANYTHING YOU DON'T MAKE HERE?
FRIENDS!
BOB MONTANA 12-24

OZARK IKE

OZARK'S FRIENDS GO INTO ACTION...
ZIP ZALEN CLOSES A DEAL WITH A REAL ESTATE AGENT...
SPIKE KLEATS AND AN ASSOCIATE WORK OVER SOME BLUEPRINTS...
AND IN A REHEARSAL HALL, TIGER WRAG AND HIS JIVE FIVE WARM UP...
Gilmore 12-24

Your Health—

Be Merry, And Safe Tomorrow

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

Here's a holiday recipe that may come in handy.

Take half a glass of warm water, add a teaspoonful of sodium bicarbonate and mix well. Then, drink it slowly and lie down.

This simple formula should help relieve that troublesome indigestion so many of you are going to experience during the next few days.

With candy, cookies and other goodies available in every household, most of you are bound to eat too much of everything. And you know how you always stuff yourself on that turkey dinner on New Year's Day, too.

Use, Don't Abuse

Mild discomfort such as indigestion, unfortunately, may not be the only holiday woes. The foods in themselves, you must understand, are not harmful. As I have explained time and time again, it's the abuse, not the use, which causes trouble.

Over-indulgence is the real villain. Eating too much food actually strains your heart, kidneys, liver and even the blood vessels.

In ddition to watching your diet, you must also watch your rest. With the excitement of the holidays, very few of you, I dare say, will get your regular eight hours of sleep each night.

It's more important than ever during these hectic days for you to get ample rest. Get to bed as early as you can and take a few minutes every day to sit down and relax.

Just remember that many of you are about the same age as Santa Claus. And he is no spring chicken.

So take it easy during this joyous holiday season. Don't eat too much, don't play too hard. Drive carefully and dress warmly.

In short, have a healthy and safe as well as a Merry Christmas!

Question and Answer

M. B.: Are hot oil treatments for the scalp of any benefit?

Answer: The massage employed undoubtedly helps to stimulate the scalp, although the hot oil in itself may not do any good.

Cleaning Crews Have no Spirit

NEW YORK (UP)—Long Island Railroad cleaning crews received orders today not to clean certain train windows until Dec. 26 no matter how dirty they get.

During the week end, conscientious cleaning men washed away an elaborate window display of Santa Clauses, reindeer and snowflakes stencilled in wax by crew members on the Center Moriches run. The railroad artists said they would replace the decorations if the cleaning crews were ordered to keep hands off until after Christmas.

The first nation to recognize the United States as a world power was France. This happened in 1778.

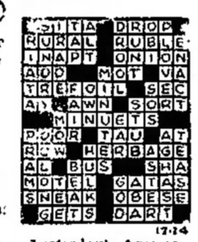
DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Knife handle
5. New York City
11. Wing-like
12. Tenny-sonian heroine
13. Kind of beer
15. Coldness (med.)
16. The renter
18. A leveler
19. Fiber of agave
21. Sodium (sym.)
22. Miss Negri
25. Rodent (S.A.)
28. Degrade
30. Relieved
31. Enclosure for swine
33. Young goats
34. Neuter pronoun
35. Biblical name
37. Louisa (dim.)
40. A doll
44. Gene Tierney role
46. Form of lyric poem
47. Come
49. Burden
50. Aperture for a cord
51. Trees

DOWN

1. Corridor
2. Wings
3. Cigarettes (slang)
4. Encroach
5. Earth as a goddess
6. Palm leaf (var.)
7. Dancers' cymbals
8. Tall
9. Rubbed oil over
10. Sea maidens
14. Biblical name
17. Greek letter
20. Mature
22. Tongue protuberances
23. Death notice
24. Loiter
26. Leaf growth of oak
27. United Service Institution (abbr.)
29. Anglo-Saxon letter (var.)
32. Bark
36. Regret
38. Entice
39. External seed coating
41. Swimming tank
42. Dutch cheese
43. Spreads grass to dry
Hail!
And (L.)



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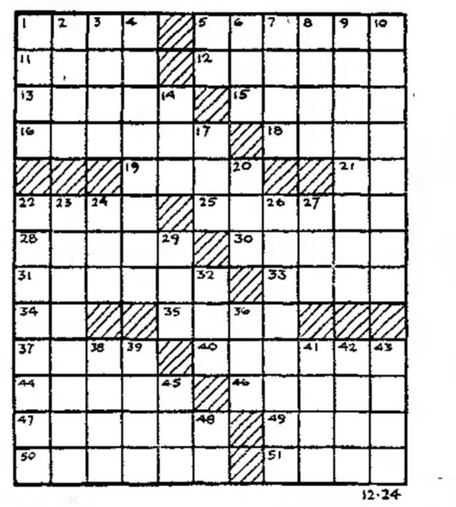
Yesterday's Answer



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From Hollywood—

Holiday Programs to Beam on Networks

By VERNON SCOTT

HOLLYWOOD (UP) — Television's bag of Christmas goodies rivals Santa's sleighful of surprises for every member of the family — cartoons, great music, traditional yuletide plays and religious programs.

Holiday devotional services will beam on all three networks.

ABC telecasts services tonight from New York's Cathedral of St. John The Divine. NBC offers midnight mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. CBS will carry a special Christmas carol service from Washington National Cathedral, and Christmas morning service from St. Louis Cathedral.

Fittingly, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will replace the regular Wednesday night fights.

For the kiddies today's "Mickey Mouse Club" presents a cartoon version of "The Night Before Christmas." Wednesday night Disneyland is devoted to the adventures of "Dumbo."

Special Garroway Show

A special show lined up for televiewers is a half-hour Christmas Eve visit with Dave Garroway and his wife, Pamela, in their Manhattan home on NBC.

Most of the regular series scheduled for Christmas Eve and Christmas night will include a holiday touch. "Telephone Times," for instance, presents "A Picture of the Magi," a true story of Christmas in Hungary during the 1956 revolt against Communism.

"West Point" tells a yuletide story of a cadet alone for the holidays. The "Bob Cummings Show" features Bob's attempts to lure a sultry beauty under the mistletoe.

Eddie Fisher's hour of songs and comedy will include a reading of "The Night Before Christmas" by Charles Laughton.

The "Kraft Television Theater" presents "The Other Wise Man," an adaptation of Henry Van Dyke's story of the wise man who sets out to meet the three wise men, but stopped along the way to respond to appeals for help and so failed to visit the Christ child.

Wrong Visitor

Eve Arden's TV family is visited by a 7-year-old terror in the apartment building instead of Santa Claus. Red Skelton appears on his own show as Freddie the Freeloader who repairs broken toys for needy children with the aid of a magic lamp.

"Armstrong Circle Theater" dramatizes the story of a Paris priest who built a community for the destitute. "The Big Record" guests Sammy Kaye who joins hostess Patti Page in a Christmas program of traditional yule songs.

For the Scrooges of the nation, horse operas continue to blaze away without a thought to the season.

"Sugarfoot," "Tombstone Territory," "Wyatt Earp," "Broken Arrow" and "Wagon Train" will head 'em off at the pass—which is fair enough warning for Santa to stay the heck away from the pass.

TV Review—

'Tonight' Is Best Of Year

By WILLIAM EWALD

NEW YORK (UP)— This is the time of the year when TV reviewers assess the 12 months past. So let's assess.

The following list foregoes the usual formal categories. Such categories are absurd. Instead, let's roam.

The best regular show of any kind on TV this year, I believe, has been the Jack Paar "Tonight" show on NBC-TV. It is at times pretty plodding, but it has a peculiar fascination — like watching a cobra emerging from a basket.

Good Despite Elsa

I enjoy it despite the occasional presence of Elsa Maxwell, a tiresome bore of a celebrity collector who takes pot shots at obvious targets like Elvis Presley, King Farouk and Jayne Mansfield. She may be the most tedious TV performer of all time.

"Tonight" is live and alive. It has provided some of the most hilarious moments of the TV year particularly when it has had guests like Jonathan Winters, Jim Backus and Hans Conreid aboard. And a very low bow to Dody Goodman, an amiable lady who can make "hello" sound funny.

The most exciting moments on TV this year were provided by Charles Van Doren and his quest for the big money on NBC-TV's "Twenty One," TV at its sweatiest, tensest and purest.

The best drama was a "Playhouse 90" effort about Helen Keller's childhood. "The Miracle Worker." Teresa Wright and Patty McCormack turned in the best acting jobs of the year on the CBS-TV 90-minuter.

"Pastures" Over-rated

The most over-rated play of the year was NBC-TV's "Green Pastures," a spectacular of above average quality boomed out of all proportion, I think, because it was slotted opposite the Mike Todd Madison Square Garden calamity on CBS-TV.

The most over-rated dramatic performance was Peter Ustinov's on an "Omnibus" production of "The Life of Samuel Johnson." A good actor works with his group—he both bounces and furnishes bounce. Ustinov unpackaged a solo peformance that leaned heavily on mannerisms and gimmicks.

The worst performance of the year was Suzy Parker's in a "Playhouse 90" offering. "The Death of Manolete." She played a small part but was almost classic in her incompetence.

The best young comedians on TV this year have been Milt Kamen and Ted Reid. Kamen was seen on the Steve Allen Show and on "Tonight"—given the right kind of material he should become one of the great ones. Reid's spoofs of th silly cafe society set made sitting through the bumptious enthusiasms of the Dinah Shore Show worthwhile.

The funniest single show of the season was a summer re-run—a Phil Silvers half hour about a chimp who is inducted into the army. A dip to Sid Caesar, too, and Carl Reiner, Howe Morris and Pat Carroll. And another to Ernie Kovacs for his NBC-TV pantomime show last January.

Glass with Syrup

METZ, France (UP)—A 16-year-old boy arrested for mixing ground glass with cough syrup in a pharmaceutical factory told police he "just wanted to see what happened during a full-scale investigation."

Radio Programs

TUESDAY, DEC. 24

	KDKA (1020)	WCAE (1250)	KQV (1410)	WAMP (1320)
5:00	Art Pallan	News; E. Prince	Showcase	Barry Kaye
5:15	" "	Jay Michael	" "	" "
5:30	" "	News; Michael	" "	" "
5:45	Pallan; Weather	Jay Michael	" "	" "
6:00	P. Long News	Jay Michael	Pie Traynor	Beckley Smith
6:15	Art Pallan	" "	News	Sports
6:30	Weather;	News	Soft Lights	Candlelight & L.
6:45	Pallan	News; Michael	Lowell Thomas	Sports
7:00	Art Pallan	The Rosary	Amos 'n Andy	Top Tunes
7:15	News; Pallan	Navy Hour	" "	Mystery
7:30	Weath.; R Scott	Tommy Riggs	" "	News
7:45	Record Shelf	Riggs; Sports	Ed Murrow	Top Tunes
8:00	Christmas Eve	Symphony	Night	Sobol Show
8:15	" "	Tonight	Watchman	" "
8:30	" "	" "	Rusty	Top Tunes
8:45	" "	" "	Draper	" "
9:00	" "	Symphony	Sing With Bing	Top Tunes
9:15	" "	Tonight	" "	" "
9:30	" "	" "	" "	" "
9:45		" "		" "
10:00		Easy	"The Same	" "
10:15	" "	Listenin'	Christmas"	" "
10:30	" "	" "	" "	" "
10:45		News		" "
11:00		Easy	Church of	News & Scores
11:15		Listenin'	Ascension	Top Tunes
11:30	" "	" "	" "	" "
11:45	" "	" "	Trinity Church	" "
12:00	Sacred Heart	St. Paul's	St. Anselm's	Old Timers
12:15	Church	Cathedral	" "	Party
12:30	" "	" "	" "	Sign Off
12:45	" "	" "	" "	" "

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25

7:00	News; Cordie	Tyson: News	Contact	Bill Brant
7:15	& Co.	" "	" "	News
7:30	" "	Dave Tyson	" "	Bill Brant
7:45	" "	" "	" "	" "
8:00	News; Cordie	Nick Perry	News	Brant; News
8:15	& Co.	Dave Tyson	Contact	" "
8:30	Ed Schaughency	" "	" "	" "
8:45	Cordie & Co.	News	" "	" "
9:00	News; Cordie	Davey Tyson	" "	Breakfast
9:15	& Co.	" "	Contact	Club
9:30	" "	" "	Kathryn	" "
9:45	" "	" "	Kuhlman	" "
10:00	News; Pallan	Tommy Riggs	Arthur	Herb Anderson
10:15	" "	" "	Godfrey	" "
10:30	" "	" "	" "	" "
10:45				
11:00	News;	Tommy Riggs	Queen Elizabeth	Musical
11:15	Pallan	" "	The Nativity	Magic
11:30	" "	" "	Percy Como	" "
11:45	" "	" "	H. Miller Show	" "
12:00	Ed Schaughency	News	News; Warren	Musical
12:15	Big Bob Tracey	Jim Fidler	Jack Henry	Magic
12:30	" "	Woman's	Helen Treat	News
12:45	" "	World	Our Gal Sunday	Jane Ellen Ball
1:00	News; Tracey	News	Backstage Wife	Hits for
1:15	" "	Tell a Story	Ma Perkins	Misses
1:30	" "	Woman's World	Dr. Malone	Barry Kaye
1:45	" "	" "	Nora Drake	" "
2:00	News; Tracey	News; Michael	Right to Happns.	Barry Kaye
2:15	" "	" "	2nd Mrs. Burton	" "
2:30	" "	Scores; Michael	Strike It Rich	Kaye; News
2:45	" "	" "	Just Entertain.	" "
3:00	" "	Scores; Michael	House Party	Barry Kaye
3:15	" "	" "	" "	" "
3:30	" "	Scores; Michael	Showcase	" "
3:45	" "	" "	" "	" "
4:00	News; Pallan	News; Michael	" "	Kaye; News
4:15	" "	" "	" "	" "
4:30	" "	" "	Showcase	" "
4:45	" "	" "	" "	" "

Television Programs

TUESDAY, DEC. 24

KDKA-TV—2 WIIC—11
WJAC—6 WQED—13
WSTV—9

5 p.m. to Sign Off

5:00 (2) Big Adventure
(6) Comedy Time
(9) Sir Lancelot
(11) Blondie
(13) World of Mus
5:30 (6) W. Woodpecker
(9) Mickey Mouse
(11) Popeye Club
5:50 (2) Santa Claus
6:00 (2) Kingdom of Sea
(6) Spts., W News
(9) Zorro
(11) Sgt. Preston
(13) Mathematics
6:30 (2) Waterfront
(6) Disneyland
(9) News, Spts W.
(11) News
(13) Pitt Parade
6:45 (9) Doug Edwards
(13) Key to City
7:00 (2) News & Wea
(9) Pat Boone
(11) Code Three
(13) French
7:15 (2) Doug Edwards
7:30 (2) Name T. Tune
(6) Treasure Hunt
(9) Name T. Tune
(11) Ozzie & Har.
(13) Greek H. W.
8:00 (2) Phil Silvers
(6) Eddie Fisher
(9) Phil Silvers
(11) Eddie Fisher
(13) A Star
8:30 (2) Dr. Christian
8:30 (13) Christmas Eve
(9) Eve Arden
8:45 (13) Christ. Music
9:00 (2) Studio 57
(6) Meet McGraw
(9) To Tell the Truth
(11) Meet McGraw
(13) The Magi
9:30 (2) Red Skelton
(6) B. Cummings
(9) Holy Night
(11) B Cummings
(13) Xmas in N. E.
10:00 (2) $64,000 Ques
(6) Dave Garroway
(9) $64,000 Ques
(11) Californians
(13) Sculptor
10:30 (2) Capt Grief
(6) Al Hitchcock
(9) Date with Ang.
(11) Big Story
(13) They Fought
11:00 (2) News, Spts. W.
(6) News, Spts. W.
(9) News, Spts. W.
(11) Broken Arrow
11:15 (2) Movie
(6) Dr. Christian
(9) Weather
11:20 (9) F. Zabach
11:30 (9) Christmas Eve
(11) Bethlehem
12:00 (11) Mass
12:30 (9) St. Louis Cath.
12:15 (6) St. Patrick's
1:00 (2) News
1:10 (2) Movie
2:20 (2) Sermonette
2:25 (2) Sign Off

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6:45 (2) Sermonette
7:00 (2) Pitts. AM
(6) Today
(9) Morning Show
(11) Today
7:45 (2) News
8:00 (2) Capt. Kangaroo
(9) Capt. Kangaroo
(13) Test Pattern
8:20 (13) Clock
8:25 (13) Physics
8:45 (2) Storyland
(9) News
8:55 (13) Test Pattern
9:00 (6) A Star
(9) Movies
(11) Popeye Club
(13) U.N. Review
9:15 (13) Santa Claus
(11) Coffee Break
9:25 (2) Little Margie
9:30 (11) Comedy
(6) This Is the Life
(13) Science
9:45 (13) Clock
9:50 (13) English
9:55 (2) Kay Neumann
10:00 (2) Garry Moore
(6) Arlene Francis
(9) Garry Moore
(11) Art. Francis
10:15 (13) Schooltime
10:30 (2) A Godfrey
(6) Treasure Hunt
(9) A Godfrey
(11) Treasure Hunt
(13) Physics
11:00 (6) Christ. Services
(11) Price Is Right
(13) Clock
11:05 (13) Reading
11:15 (2) Pgh. Schools
11:30 (2) Strike It Rich
(9) Strike It Rich
(11) Truth or Con.
(13) America
11:45 (13) Friendly Gnt.
12:00 (2) News
(6) Tic Tac Dough
(9) Htl. Cosmo.
(11) Tic Tac Dough
(13) World of Mus.
12:15 (2) Love of Life
(9) Love of Life
12:30 (2) Sch. for Tomrw
(6) Could Be You
(9) Movie
(11) Could Be You
12:45 (2) Guiding Light
1:00 (2) Big Movie
(6) Devotions
(6) Film
(11) Amos 'n Andy
(13) Science
1:15 (6) Adventure
1:30 (6) Fea. Theatre
(9) World Turns
(11) Life With Elix
(13) Schooltime
2:00 (9) Beat the Clock
(11) Matinee
(13) French
2:20 (2) Pat Kiely
(13) French
2:30 (2) House Party
(6) Bride&Groom
(9) House Party
(11) Bride&Groom
2:35 (13) Musicale
3:00 (2) Big Payoff
(6) Amahl
(9) Big Payoff
(11) Matinee Thea.
(13) For You
3:30 (2) Verdict
(9) Verdict
3:45 (13) Friendly Gnt.
4:00 (2) Brighter Day
(6) Queen for Day
(9) Sunshine Boys
(11) Queen for Day
(13) Child Cor.
4:15 (2) Secret Storm
(9) Secret Storm
4:30 (2) Cartoons
(9) Edge of Night
4:45 (6) Mod. Rom.
(11) Mod. Rom.
4:55 (2) Big Adventure

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Meaning of Christmas Called An 'Invasion from Eternity'

(The following was written by the Very Rev. William S. Lea, dean of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, Denver, Colo. Reflecting current concern over the invasion of space by Soviet satellites, it discusses the meaning of Christmas as an "invasion from eternity."

By THE VERY REVEREND WILLIAM S. LEA, DEAN

The reality of Christmas with its eternal message of hope and victory was never more desperately needed than in this year of uncertainty, nor was it ever more relevant to our human situation.

It was upon another uncertain and dark period of history that the light of the first Christmas shown forth. To most of the people who lived in Bethlehem the new star in the Eastern sky meant nothing at all. And yet to men of faith, in those days and in our own, "the hopes and fears of all the years are met" in the great event which Christmas commemorates.

Dare Not Sentimentalize

We dare not sentimentalize about Christmas if we expect to grasp its everlasting truth. It is much more than the story of a little baby on a bed of straw. The heart of the matter is that this Little Baby was the son of God who "for us men and for our salvation. . .became man."

If you ask a Christian to explain his faith to you, he does not propound a theory. He must recite to you a dramatic story of what God has done. Christmas is the climax of the great drama which began when the world was young, and which will continue into the Eternal Realm where man's history is finally fulfilled. It reverses our naive conception of greatness and tells how the Eternal God came quietly to earth in a tiny little province, far from the center of the stage of world events, unnoticed by the high and mighty ones who thought they ruled the earth.

It may be that today, if we only stopped to look, we might see God still coming to human hearts and mending the brokenness of our world.

The Christmas Story begins with the Creation. God made a world and saw "that it was good." But somehow something went wrong. Man, who had been given freedom, misused his freedom and turned his back upon his Creator and went his own self-centered way. We begin with this gloomy picture of man's separation from God's way of life because unless we understand the depth of the problem, we cannot comprehend the fullness of God's answer.

The Old Testament enlarges this long and gloomy story of man's separation and sorrow. It also tells of God's great plan to win His disobedient children back. He decided upon a most daring act. He would come himself and be born as a little baby, and identify Himself with man's suffering and sin. He would show to man how much God cares for us. He chose a way to save us without destroying our free will.

God Prepared the Way

God never acts in a hurry. He prepared the way for this unique invasion of human history step by step.

The glory of Christmas is that it is no idle tale but the world's greatest truth, that God has "visited and redeemed His people." This Babe of Bethlehem in His life and death and resurrection has revealed to us a new way of life and the only certain road to hope and peace.

For millions of people across all the continents of earth the truth of Christmas is a living reality. In them the risen Christ lives today and continues to bear his ageless witness. Above all the world's confusion and despair the bright beams of Christmas still shine, "to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace."

BIG DEAL — Yul Brynner signs a $25,000,000 film production deal between Alciona Productions, Inc., and United Artists, in Hollywood. The contract calls for 11 films to be delivered to UA by his Alciona in nine years.

Ring-bearing Gull

SOUTHAMPTON, England (UP) —Animal shelter official Burt Butler reported that he picked up a "distressed" sea gull wearing a bejeweled engagement ring. Butler said he believed the ring slipped onto the gull's leg when the bird was foraging at a holiday resort. He left the ring on the bird when it was released after medical treatment.

Past Christmases Not Always Merry

By ROBERT J. SERLING

WASHINGTON (UP) — Has Russia Sputniked the merry out of your merry Christmas?

That word from historians today is, cheer up. It could get worse and often has.

Remember Christmas Day, 1778. Only four days before, an army had moved into its winter quarters. Officers and men lived in log huts, most of them without roofs because farmers refused to haul straw. The Christmas Day menu featured corn cake and water, with a small ration of rum. The best uniform seen was worn by a captain. It was a woolen bed cover. But his shoes consisted of cloth wrapped around bleeding feet.

That was Dec. 25, 1778, at Valley Forge.

Or maybe you remember Christmas Day, 1941, when a once-mighty fleet lay battered at Pearl Harbor and a nation still only sensed dimly the disaster of 18 days before.

Would you rather think about Dec. 25, 1950? The last United Nations unit retreated from North Korea before a victorious army of Chinese Communists, and thousands of American homes received the dreaded message from the Defense Department.

There was Christmas Day, 1944 . . . in towns like Malmedy and Bastogne and a bloody mess called the Battle of the Bulge.

15-Million Without Work

There was Christmas Day, 1931, with 15 million unemployed, 70,000 firms bankrupt and factory wages cut as much as 60 per cent.

Or another Christmas a long time ago. A day when a cavalry unit slept on frozen ground near an Indian village, warming their carbines with the heat of their own bodies. The temperature was seven below. At dawn, they attacked.

That was how George Armstrong Custer and his men spent Christmas of 1868.

Or you might take a Christmas spent by a certain President of the United States.

On Christmas eve, he had walked from the White House to a little toy shop and bought his son a box of soldiers. Then he walked back to the White House for another sleepless night.

That's what Abraham Lincoln did on Dec. 24, 1863.

As you trim your tree for Yuletide, please think of us as being with you in spirit, wishing you the very best of everything!

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Chennault's Wife Hopeful Despite General's Gloom

TAIPEI, Formosa (UP) — The wife of retired Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault steadfastly maintained today there is still hope "something" can be done in spite of what her husband himself told newsmen in disclosing he has cancer of the lung.

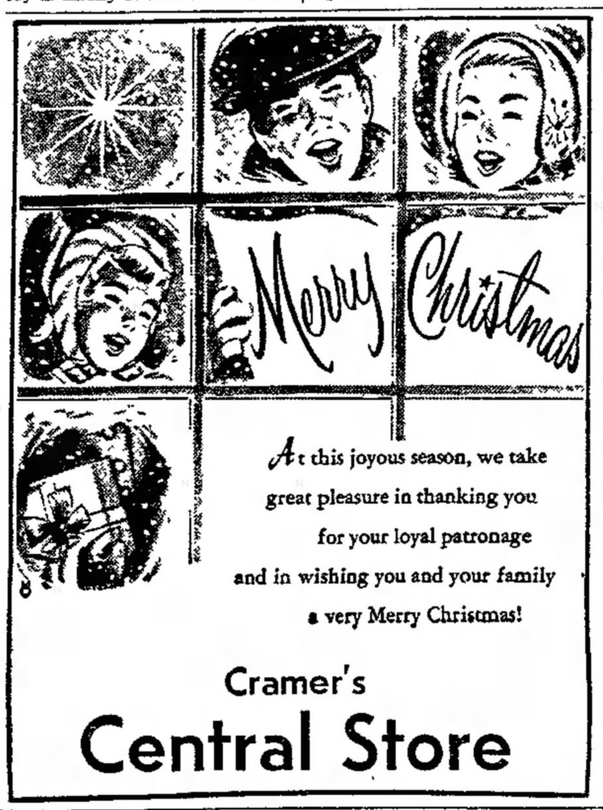
The 67-year-old Chennault said at a press conference Monday he is suffering from lung cancer and that "there is not too much hope" for his life.

But his Chinese wife, Anna, insisted a world-famous New Orleans, La., specialist is still "very hopeful he can do something" for the commander of the Flying Tigers of World War II.

Chennault, who commanded the American volunteer group which fought the Japanese in China before Pearl Harbor, said he has been fighting the malignancy since August, 1956. He said he underwent an operation at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. for the removal of the upper lobe of the left lung but that the operation did not stem the spread of the disease.

The retired Air Force general said he planned to return to the United States in mid-January for further treatment at Walter Reed.

"But I'm not very hopeful," he added.



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We wish for you and yours at Christmas a season abundantly filled with the abiding joy and spiritual inspiration that He brought to earth.

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